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ROBINSON appeared before HCUA 4/30/52 and denied being communist or knowingly, having been fellow traveler. He admitted activity on behalf of, and financial aid to, several front organizations. Department of Justice declines prosecution.

## DETAILS:

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ROBINSON testified on April 30, 1952 before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 82nd Congress, second session. His testimony appears in copy of transcript entitled "Communist Infiltration of Hollywood Motion-Picture Industry--Part 7" which was printed for use of the committee.

In substance, ROBINSON testified that he had always been a liberal democrat, and that it had been revealed to him that people whom he had thought were sincere liberals were in fact communists, which had come to him as a severe shock; that they had persuaded him by lies and concealment of their real purpose to allow them to use his name for what he believed to be a worthy cause; that not one of the communists who sought his help or requested permission to use his name, ever told him they were members of the Communist Party;

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that he now realizes that some of the organizations which he had permitted to use his name were communist fronts.

During the hearing, ROBINSON was informed that EDWARD DMYTRYK had previously testified that in 1947, a group had been subpoenaed to appear before the House Committee on un-American Activities; that a meeting was held in ROBINSON'S house, the meeting being held there because Senator CLAUDE PEPPER was then a house guest of the ROBINSON'S and it was decided to discuss the matter (of the subpoena) with the senator. DMYTRYK testified that ROBINSON was not home at the time. ROBINSON stated that the testimony of DMYTRYK was true. He said that he was not present at the meeting, that his wife had given approval for the meeting. He stated, however, that had he been there, he would have given permission for the meeting because it was previous to the investigations of the House Committee on un-American Activities; that he, at that time, felt that he was with the men because, long before that, the past chairman of the committee, PARNELL THOMAS, had given out the statement that ROBINSON was going to be one of the first to be subpoenaed; that this sort of allayed his suspicion that he might have had regarding everybody else. He said that some of the people who were present had been associated with these causes, and who had now been revealed as being communists; had been in his home at various times. He denied that any of these people had ever met in his house on Communist Party matters.

ROBINSON stated that he had been duped and used by individuals in organizations and he named ALBERT MALTZ, DALTON TRUMBO and JOHN HOWARD LAWSON. He stated that he knew FRANK TUTTLE and the EUCKMANS, but did not know EDWARD DMYTRYK at all.

ROBINSON stated that he had supported Russia during the war, but as an ally only and nothing else.

ROBINSON stated that he had belonged to the Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. He said that this organization had been represented to him as a champion of the Rooseveltian policies and he was consequently very much interested in it, because he was a great admirer of President ROOSEVELT.

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ROBINSON said that he had been requested to make a speech for the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief; that he was requested to appear on the steps of City Hall, Los Angeles, introduce the Mayor and make an appeal for Yugoslav Relief.

ROBINSON stated that he had made a talk at a dinner given by the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born, and that he had made a couple of small donations to this organization.

ROBINSON stated that he had appeared at two or three meetings of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship and that a good many of these were done at the behest of the United States State Department.

ROBINSON stated that he knew nothing about the Civil Rights Congress; that he was not a member even though they (referring to "Red Channels") had listed him as an initiator of the organization.

ROBINSON stated that he had, from 1939 to 1949, contributed more than \$250,000.00 to worthy causes, the bulk of it going to charities and social agencies and, during the war, to morale boosting organizations such as United Servicemen's Organization (\$130,000.00). He stated that he had contributed the following amounts to the following organizations:

Hollywood Democratic Committee:	\$500.00
National Citizens Political Action Committee:	1,500.00
Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions:	445.00
Progressive Citizens of America:	573.50
National Council American Soviet Friendship: (also included dues for two years)	110.00
American Society for Russian Relief, Inc.	242.00

ROBINSON admitted that after DALTON TRUMBO was convicted for contempt of Congress, he had loaned him money,



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but that this had nothing to do with TRUMBO'S defense expenses.

ROBINSON stated that he was not at the time of the hearing a member of any organization known to him to be a communist front, nor was he a member of any organization which had been cited by the Attorney General or the House Committee on un-American Activities.

A photograph of JACK JOHNSTONE taken from the Daily Worker was exhibited to ROBINSON, but he stated that he did not know him.

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ROBINSON was told that ELIA HAZAN had identified one ROBERT REED as an organizer within the cultural group of the Communist Party. ROBINSON was asked if he, ROBINSON, had ever had an appointment relating to Communist Party matters with JACK JOHNSTONE or ROBERT REED. ROBINSON stated that he had never had any such meeting in his life. He also testified that he had never knowingly met with anyone from the National Committee of the Communist Party, knowing that person to be such.

ROBINSON testified that he was not a communist and had never been one; that he had never knowingly been a fellow traveler.

On May 29, 1952, the United States Department of Justice advised that a review of the evidence in this case

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disclosed that it was not sufficient to warrant prosecution for violation of either the espionage or perjury statutes.

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The Report of  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RADIO AND TELEVISION

EDWARD G. BRENNAN  
Actor-Screen, Radio

American Committee for  
Protection of Foreign Born.

Civil Rights Congress

National Citizens Political  
Action Committee

Hollywood Democratic  
Committee

National Council of American-  
Soviet Friendship.

Soviet Russia Today

Progressive Citizens of  
America.

American Committee for  
Rugoslav Relief

American Russian Institute

Reported As:

Sponsor, House Un-Am. Act.  
Com. Index II, p. 8128.

Initiator, National Congress  
4/27/46. House Un-Am. Act.  
Com. Index II, p. 8142.

Member, House Un-Am. Act.  
Com., Appendix 9, p. 340.

Member, Executive Board,  
7/26/44. House Un-Am. Act.  
Com., Appendix 9, p. 764.

Affiliated, House Un-Am. Act.  
Com., Appendix 9, p. 1193.  
Sponsor of Congress. House  
Un-Am. Act. Com. Appendix  
9, p. 1202.

Sponsor, Red Army Anniversary  
Dinner, House Un-Am. Act.  
Com., Appendix 9, p. 1604.

Candidate, Executive Board,  
2/12/47. Un-Am. Act. in  
California, 1947, p. 239.  
Candidate for office, Los  
Angeles Branch, 10/27/47.  
Un-Am. Act. in California,  
1945, p. 355.

Sponsor, Un-Am. Act. in  
California, 1948, p. 132.

Participant, Conference on  
American-Russian Cultural  
Exchange, University of  
California, 12/7, 8/45. Un-  
Am. Act. in California 1948  
p. 171.

Hollywood Independent  
Citizens Committee of the  
Arts, Sciences and Pro-  
fessions.

Member, Executive Council.  
Un-Am. Act. in California,  
1948, p. 171.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. E. Belmont

DATE: January 17, 1951

FROM : C. E. Hennrich

SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
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## Purpose:

*Edward G. Robinson - Summary*

To summarize subject's testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, October 27 and December 21, 1950. Subject denied membership in the Communist Party and Communist sympathies. Admitted connection with various organizations but denied knowledge of their Communist character. Subject submitted a statement of financial contributions for the years 1942 - 1949, indicating very small portion of his contributions went to organizations linked with his name by "Red Channels." Subject testified on December 21, that he had sent copy of his testimony of October 27, to the Director and offered to submit himself to the FBI for examination or cross-examination. In response to a question as to whether or not he had ever volunteered his services as an agent to the Soviet government or to anyone attached to the Soviet government, subject responded "never." On December 29, 1950, however, he wrote to Congressman Walter that he had suggested to Russian Consul V. Y. Pastoev that a trip to Russia be arranged for subject so that he could carry a message from the American people to the Russian people.

## Summary of Testimony

### Forsword

The forsword to the printed report of Robinson's testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities reflects that Robinson requested an opportunity to testify before the Committee. On that date, however, no members of the Committee being present, Robinson was questioned by members of the investigative staff. He subsequently reviewed the testimony and attested to the truth of the statements therein before a Notary Public. Following this appearance, the Committee obtained information which had not been covered by the subject. He was, therefore, requested to appear before a Subcommittee. He did so appear on December 21, 1950, and in addition to again attesting to the truthfulness of the testimony of October 27, 1950, he answered questions relating to the additional information.

Testimony October 27, 1950

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After stating his name, address and citizenship status, Robinson presented a prepared statement which he said was the one that he had used

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in answer to "Red Channels." This statement indicated that the booklet "Red Channels" had charged that Robinson had been associated with the following organizations described as Communist front organizations:

(1) Political:

Hollywood Democratic Committee  
National Citizens Political Action Committee  
Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee for the Arts,  
Sciences and Professions  
Independent Citizens Committee for the Arts, Sciences  
and Professions  
Progressive Citizens of America

(2) Civil Rights:

American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born  
Civil Rights Congress

(3) United States - USSR Friendship:

National Council for American-Soviet Friendship  
Soviet Russia Today - Red Army Dinner  
American Russian Institute

(4) Relief:

American Committee for Yugoslav Relief

The statement indicated that Robinson was elected to the Executive Board of the Hollywood Democratic Committee, attended several meetings, contributed funds and appeared on the radio for the Committee. It was indicated that this Committee supported the re-election of Roosevelt in 1944 and that among the members of the active committee were various persons whose loyalty was beyond question.

The statement indicated that Robinson had permitted the use of his name as an "initiating sponsor" of the Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee for the Arts, Sciences and Professions. He served on the council and made small financial contributions as well as participated in a skit sponsored by the organization. It was indicated that other prominent people such as James Roosevelt and Harold Ickes were connected with the organization.

The statement indicated that Robinson contributed to the National Citizens Political Action Committee and granted the use of his name as a member of the national council but did not participate in any meetings. It was indicated that prominent Americans were also members of this organization.

The statement indicated that Robinson participated as an initiating sponsor of the Los Angeles Chapter of the Progressive Citizens of America, the purpose of which was to aid in the campaign for the election of Democratic candidates to Congress. His name was listed on the ballot for the Los Angeles Chapter Executive Committee and he made several contributions to the organization. It was indicated that other prominent Americans including several outspoken anti-Communists were connected with this organization.

The statement indicated that Robinson allowed his name to be used as a sponsor for the United Nations dinner held under the auspices of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born on April 17, 1943. He contributed \$100 in 1943 and \$10 in 1944 to this organization but had no further connection with the Committee after June, 1944.

This statement indicated that Robinson had nothing to do with the creation of the Civil Rights Congress and that he did not contribute to this organization ~~and~~ permit his name to be used by the organization.

Concerning the National Council for American-Soviet Friendship, the statement indicated that Robinson was invited in November, 1942, to participate in their Congress of American-Soviet Friendship which he accepted. It was stated that various other prominent Americans including Cordell Hull, Jesse Jones and others also participated. In November, 1943, Robinson permitted the use of his name as the sponsor for a similar affair held in Los Angeles but did not participate in activities. In 1944, he was asked to become a member of the national council and paid dues of \$5.00 for that year and \$5.00 for the following year. Previously, he had contributed \$100. In 1945, at a joint celebration of Washington's birthday and Red Army Day, Robinson gave a short talk. Also present were Secretary Morgenthau, Field Marshal Sir Henry Maitland Wilson of Britain and others. In 1945, in response to a request, he sent a message of greetings to the joint celebration of Washington's birthday and Red Army Day. On that occasion, General Walter Bedell Smith was the featured speaker.

Robinson permitted the use of his name as a sponsor at a Red Army anniversary dinner held February 22, 1943, in New York under the auspices of Soviet Russia Today and made available also for use at the dinner the text of a recording which he had made upon request of OWI, and which was being transmitted by OWI to Russia as a tribute to the Red Army.

In response to a request, Robinson submitted a message to be included in a book which was sent to the Russian people. This request was made by the American Russian Institute in June, 1942. The statement indicated that he had nothing further to do with this organization.

With regard to the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, the statement indicated that the organization invited Robinson to speak at a rally held on the steps of the Los Angeles City Hall and to introduce the Deputy Mayor. Robinson acceded to the request but had no further connection with the group.

The statement continued that during the ten years from 1939 to 1949, Robinson contributed more than a quarter of a million dollars to worthy causes. Concerning the organizations referred to above by "Red Channels," it was stated that he contributed only \$3360.50 during that period and it was pointed out that in comparison to the total contributions this latter sum was very small. The list of the donations referred to above was placed in the record.

In response to questions, Robinson offered testimony summarized as follows:

1. That he is not and has never been a member or fellow traveler of the Communist Party and at no time espoused or believed in the doctrine of the Communist Party.
2. That to his knowledge he had never sent any greetings to the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.
3. That he did not recall acting as a sponsor of a conference on China and the Far East called by the National Committee to Win the Peace and the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy.
4. That he did not recall giving permission for the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy to use his name as a sponsor.
5. That he did authorize his name to be used in a list of patrons of the Congress of American-Soviet Friendship in October, 1942, but he did not know this organization was a Communist front.
6. That he did make a recording for the Los Angeles Council of American-Soviet Friendship in 1944 for a celebration of Annual Women's Day of the Soviet Union but that he did not know this organization to be a Communist front.

7. That he was a sponsor of a dinner held under the auspices of Soviet Russia Today in February, 1943.
8. That he was a sponsor and speaker at a United Nations dinner of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born on April 17, 1943, but had no connection with the organization after 1944.
9. That he did not authorize the use of his name as a sponsor of a conference of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born in 1947.
10. That he had been asked on numerous occasions to become active in the ~~American~~ Youth for Democracy but refused. However, in 1946, he was asked to make a two-minute address at a dinner, giving an award to Sergeant William Mauldin. He did not recall whether he was at the dinner or made a recording.
11. That he was a member of the ~~Committee for the First Amendment~~. He explained that the 23 persons accused of subversive activities who were subpoenaed had his sympathies inasmuch as he could have been one of them. He indicated that after the investigation, ~~he~~ lost his sympathy because of the manner in which they defended themselves.

Robinson also submitted to the Committee copies of the transcripts of two broadcasts made by Robinson for the Voice of America on October 23 and October 25, 1950, both of which are anti-Russian in character.

#### Testimony December 21, 1950

On this date Robinson testified under oath that the testimony which he gave on October 27, 1950, was true to the best of his knowledge. He also denied being acquainted with Louise Granston or Lionel Serman. He further testified that he had never attended a Communist Party meeting of any type; that he had not converted any part of his residence into a Communist meeting place; and that he had not volunteered his services as an agent to the Soviet government or to anyone attached to the Soviet government. In this connection, however, on December 22, 1950, Robinson wrote to Congressman Welter, stating that he had suggested to Russian Consul V. V. Pastoev in 1944, prior to going to London, to perform in a motion picture, that it might be a good idea to arrange a trip to Russia.

for Robinson so that he could carry a message from the American people to the Russian people. This letter was made a part of the record.

Robinson also testified that he had never been asked to join the Communist Party or to contribute money directly to the Communist Party. He also testified that he does not know of any Communist activities in the movie industry.

Robinson further testified that he had sent a copy of his testimony of October 27, 1950, to Director Hoover of the FBI and had offered to submit himself to the FBI for examination or cross-examination with regard to any and all of his prior activities and further, to expose all of his "life" and files in connection with any investigation which the FBI might see fit to make.

It should be noted that Congressman Walter indicated that it might be well for the Committee to direct its attention to the charges that have been leveled against many artists; that the Committee should know if there are in the theatrical business those who are trying to spread Communist doctrine; and also if there are others who have been charged with the sort of activity and are innocent. He indicated that he intended to suggest that the Committee direct its attention to ascertaining the truth or falsity of these charges on "the first of the year."

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## FOREWORD

On October 27, 1950, Edward G. Robinson presented himself to the Committee on Un-American Activities and requested an opportunity to testify with reference to his participation in organizations which have been classified as Communist fronts by either the Committee on Un-American Activities or the Attorney General of the United States. In view of the fact that the members of the committee were in their respective districts in connection with the elections to be held on November 7 at the time Mr. Robinson was in Washington, D. C., a decision was made whereby he would be questioned by members of the investigative staff. This testimony was subsequently reviewed by Mr. Robinson, who attested to the truth of the statements contained therein before an authorized notary public. Following Mr. Robinson's appearance, the committee obtained information, the subject of which had not been previously covered by Mr. Robinson. In view of the nature of this information, Mr. Robinson was requested to appear before a subcommittee, which he did and was placed under oath on December 21, 1950. In addition to again attesting to the truthfulness of the testimony obtained on October 27, 1950, Mr. Robinson answered questions relating to the additional information.

In releasing Mr. Robinson's testimony of October 27 and December 21, 1950, the committee has extended to Mr. Robinson the same rights and privileges which are accorded to any person who has been the subject of testimony before the Committee on Un-American Activities or on whom a record, based upon material contained in its files, has been made public.

The printing of this testimony does not preclude the examination of any further witnesses in connection with this matter, nor does it preclude any further statement which Mr. Robinson may desire to make in connection with the testimony recorded herein.

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## TESTIMONY OF EDWARD G. ROBINSON

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1950

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,  
Washington, D. C.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION<sup>1</sup>

There appeared before the following-named members of the staff of the Committee on Un-American Activities at 11:50 a. m., in room 225, Old House Office Building, Edward G. Robinson, accompanied by Raymond Bell.

Committee staff members present: Louis J. Russell, senior investigator; William A. Wheeler, Courtney E. Owens, and James Andrews, investigators; and A. S. Poore, editor.

### TESTIMONY OF EDWARD G. ROBINSON

Mr. RUSSELL. Will you state your full name?

Mr. ROBINSON. Edward G. Robinson.

Mr. RUSSELL. What is your profession?

Mr. ROBINSON. Actor.

Mr. RUSSELL. When and where were you born?

Mr. ROBINSON. I was born in Bucharest, Rumania, December 12, 1893.

Mr. RUSSELL. Are you a naturalized citizen of the United States?

Mr. ROBINSON. By act of Congress. My father was a citizen and I automatically became one.

Mr. RUSSELL. Will you state your residence address?

Mr. ROBINSON. 910 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Robinson, you are appearing before the committee upon your own request; are you not?

Mr. ROBINSON. Yes.

Mr. RUSSELL. In the June 2, 1947, issue of Newsweek a statement was made to this effect: "Edward G. Robinson is persistently found in Communist fronts." In view of such charges you have requested an appearance before this committee in an effort to clarify the record?

Mr. ROBINSON. That is quite right.

Mr. RUSSELL. Have you a prepared statement which you would like to present to the committee?

Mr. ROBINSON. I haven't any prepared statement except the one I have used in answer to Red Channels, which I think more or less

<sup>1</sup> Reviewed and unanimously approved for release by the Committee on Un-American Activities on December 22, 1951.

covers my behavior the last 10 or 11 years, up to date, what my political activities have been, and so on.

Mr. RUSSELL. Will you leave the statement with the committee?

Mr. ROBINSON. With pleasure.

(The statement above referred to is as follows.)

#### INTRODUCTION

*Red Channels*, a booklet published recently, uses the name of Edward G. Robinson as one who was a member of, or connected in other ways with, several groups which are described as Communist-front organizations.

*Red Channels'* charges against Mr. Robinson fail to present a complete picture of his manifold activities. The record of positive contributions, of his time, money, and talent, is so impressive that the conclusions indicated in *Red Channels* are completely negated. *Red Channels* also fails to list the names of the Nation's foremost leaders who were connected with the same organizations as Mr. Robinson. When examined, the record will show that he has at all times subscribed to and believed in the principles of democracy and that he has actively supported them in many ways.

In view of the insinuations and criticisms that membership in organizations named in *Red Channels* might arouse, Mr. Robinson has asked that a thorough investigation and factual analysis be made of his activities, particularly in relation to the organizations named.

An extensive dossier covering the facts has been prepared, but for the sake of brevity only the high lights of that analysis are presented in the following pages.

#### CHARGES OF RED CHANNELS

The failure of the author of *Red Channels* to fairly analyze the facts is demonstrated by the absence of any listing of the positive contributions toward strengthening of democracy, made by Mr. Robinson.

No serious and sincere researcher would present only that side which enables him to blacken and destroy the reputation of an individual.

*Red Channels* lists the following organizations with which Mr. Robinson has been associated:

##### 1. Political:

Hollywood Democratic Committee  
National Citizens Political Action Committee  
Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee for the Arts, Sciences and Professions  
Independent Citizens Committee for the Arts, Sciences and Professions  
Progressive Citizens of America

##### 2. Civil rights:

American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born  
Civil Rights Congress

##### 3. United States-U. S. S. R. friendship:

National Council for American-Soviet Friendship  
Soviet Russia Today—Red Army Dinner  
American Russian Institute

##### 4. Relief:

American Committee for Yugoslav Relief

#### GENERAL PHILOSOPHY OF EDWARD G. ROBINSON SHOWN BY HIS RECORDS

Analysis of letters, documents, and lists of contributions in Mr. Robinson's files reflects a broad concern on his part for many aspects of civic responsibility of an American who takes his citizenship seriously. Mr. Robinson maintained intense interest in social and community problems, as well as in political and international questions. He was always willing and ready to assist innumerable causes. It followed, therefore, that requests for aid and support came to him from numerous organizations, and that among these would be some whose loyalty is now under question. It should be added, however, that at the time he was

connected with or rendered assistance to the organizations named above, they were—

(a) supporting the policy of the United States State Department and of the administration;

(b) supported by the majority of the people of the United States and by prominent Government, military, and civil leaders whose loyalty and patriotism were beyond question.

#### POLITICAL ACTION

The five political organizations with which Mr. Robinson was connected, according to Red Channels, succeeded each other and in some instances overlapped. All of them supported Franklin D. Roosevelt, excepting those created after the President's death. Mr. Robinson was and still is a great admirer of the late Chief Executive. His own viewpoint on international affairs was in general agreement with that of F. D. R., expressed in the now historically famous speech in October 1937 at Chicago, when the President called for "quarantining of the aggressor."

Extremely conscious of the responsibilities of citizenship, including the right and obligation to vote, Mr. Robinson participated actively and through contributions in political campaigns. In 1940 (when the Communists opposed F. D. R. and maligned him as a warmonger) he served on the advisory committee of and contributed to the Hollywood for Roosevelt Committee, headed by Pat O'Brien.

In the final chapter of this presentation, it will be shown that Mr. Robinson contributed to numerous organizations which conducted campaigns in behalf of the election or reelection of President Roosevelt and other Democratic candidates.

The Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee supported the reelection of President Roosevelt in 1944. Mr. Robinson was elected to the executive board of that organization, attended several meetings in that capacity, contributed funds, and appeared on the radio for that committee.

Among the members of the executive committee whose loyalty was beyond question were such stalwart Americans as Jesse Lasky, Benjamen Levery, Talbot Jennings, Sol Lesser, and J. K. Wallace. In joining this and other groups, Mr. Robinson was motivated by the highest principles and mirrored the same of his fellow members. They had given adequate proof that they desired the same result as he: the reelection of Roosevelt.

In 1945 the Hollywood Democratic Committee was dissolved and succeeded by HICCASP.

THE HOLLYWOOD INDEPENDENT CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR THE ARTS, SCIENCES, AND PROFESSIONS (HICCASP) was the local branch of the INDEPENDENT CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR THE ARTS, SCIENCES, AND PROFESSIONS.

Outstanding leaders like John Dwyer, Dr. Alvaro Myers, participated in HICCASP with James Roosevelt as director of political organization and Harold Jukes as chairman of the executive committee. Mr. Robinson participated one of his name as an "initiating sponsor" because he desired Roosevelt's policy to be continued. Beyond adding his name as sponsor, Mr. Robinson's activity in connection with HICCASP consisted of support of a national fine-arts bill, a national health bill and participation in some broadcasts.

HICCASP had on its executive council such people as Charles Boyer and others of similar stature. Mr. Robinson, too, served on the council, made small financial contributions to the committee, and participated in a skit at the Los Angeles Philharmonic Auditorium, sponsored by HICCASP. In this skit a plea was made for unity among the Big Three to achieve real peace and to strengthen the United Nations, which just then was born in San Francisco. By the end of 1948, Mr. Robinson was no longer connected with it in any way.

The National Citizens Political Action Committee was organized in July 1944 by the CIO Political Action Committee under Sidney Hillman. The NCPAC was created to elect President Roosevelt through marshalling independent voters. Though nominally nonpartisan, the NCPAC supported almost entirely liberal Democrats and raised funds for the purchase of radio time and newspaper space in behalf of these candidates.

Dominant among NCPAC leadership were such figures as Eldney Hilman, A. F. Whitney, Gifford Pinchot, Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, Bishop Bright, and Mrs. Edward Warburg.

Mr. Robinson contributed to the NCPAC and granted the use of his name as member of NCPAC's national council, though he did not participate in any of its meetings, all of which were held in the East.

(By the end of 1946, NCPAC was dissolved and merged, along with ICCASP into the Progressive Citizens of America—PCA.)

When one political-action group was dissolved and succeeded by another, the membership was taken over—almost in toto—by the succeeding organization. It followed, therefore, that earlier membership in the Hollywood Democratic Committee led to automatic membership in HIOCCASP, and membership in NCPAC to later association with PCA.

The PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS OF AMERICA (PCA) came into being on December 29, 1946. Mr. Robinson participated as an assisting sponsor of PCA's Los Angeles Chapter (February 15, 1947), and contributed toward the expense of the initial meeting. Purpose of PCA was to aid in the campaign for the election of Democratic candidates to Congress.

In sponsoring the Los Angeles meeting, Mr. Robinson found himself in the company of such vigorous and outspoken anti-Communists as Jack Kroll, CIO Political Action chief, A. J. Whitney, and Bishop Bright. Officers of national PCA were such active opponents of communism as Philip Murray, Fiorello LaGuardia, and A. F. Whitney, all of them serving as vice chairman.

Mr. Robinson was listed among the 123 names on the ballot for the Los Angeles PCA Chapter Executive Committee. Listed as candidates also were Irving DeShelder (now head of the CIO in Los Angeles), Mrs. Sumner Spaulding (head of the Community Chest and YWCA), and others whose patriotism is beyond question.

Mr. Robinson made several contributions to PCA, the last one on May 12, 1947, and since then had nothing further to do with the organization.

#### CIVIL RIGHTS

Perusal of his list of contributions shows Mr. Robinson's strong interest in the underprivileged and those to whom fate has been unkind. Thus we find contributions to the most varied types of charities, from organizations devoted to fighting juvenile delinquency to aid-to-the-blind groups, to cultural, educational, and esthetic groups. (Detailed breakdown of his contributions appears in the last chapter.)

Having strong humanitarian convictions regarding his obligations to his fellow-men, and doubly conscious of his own good fortune, Robinson responded readily to organizations soliciting his aid in behalf of minority groups whose purposes were pressed to him to be the fight against ignorance and bigotry and for equality.

Ref channels his two organizations in this field with which Mr. Robinson was connected: The American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born and the Civil Rights Congress. There is no reference, however, to all the other organizations which were also dedicated to the fight against bigotry and received support from him. Viewed in the framework of all his contributions to all organizations, Mr. Robinson's support of organizations which are now under attack are infinitesimally small. The reader is referred, therefore, to the last chapter.

THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE FOREIGN BORN invited Mr. Robinson to be a sponsor and speaker at their United Nations Dinner on April 17, 1943. Being foreign-born himself, and noting the dinner was intended to hail outstanding Americans of foreign birth, Mr. Robinson accepted.

With William Allen White and Dorothy Thompson as fellow speakers, Mr. Robinson felt like anyone else would; namely, that he was in good company.

His speech had no political aspects. It can be epitomized by quoting one single sentence: "The composite blood of the whole human race flows in the veins of this (American) people; the blood of every race, every nation, and every people in the world."

Mr. Robinson was not a member, but in 1943 contributed \$100 and in 1944 \$25 and allowed his name to be used as sponsor. What he thought to be the essential interest of the committee is reflected in a telegram he sent when the organization requested a message. "American united," he wired, "means minorities united against Hitler, Himmler, and Goering, and a victory expressing the tradition of Jefferson, Lincoln, and Roosevelt. Minorities united for America mean a free nation, cooperating with other free nations for a free world, free from fascism."

That telegram reflects his thinking. Further comment would be superfluous. Mr. Robinson had no further connection with the committee after June 1944.

The Civil Rights Congress was organized in Detroit on April 27-28, 1944. Mr. Robinson had nothing to do with its creation and there is no evidence of any kind to the very complete fact that he contributed to the Civil Rights Congress.

or ever permitted his name to be used. A thorough check of public documents reveals that his name was not used in connection with any of the many protest meetings arranged by the Civil Rights Congress.

## UNITED STATES - U. S. A. FRIENDSHIP

In reviewing the charges of association by Mr. Robinson with organizations whose purpose it was to promote better relations between the United States and Soviet Russia, cognizance must be taken of two factors:

(a) What was the position of American Communists during the time of the Berlin-Moscow Pact, and what was Mr. Robinson's position?

(b) What was the position of American Communists after the Nazi invasion of Soviet Russia, and what was our Government's and Mr. Robinson's position vis-a-vis Russia after Pearl Harbor, when she was our wartime ally.

The record shows that on this score, too, Mr. Robinson need not defend himself. Having visited Europe in 1939, Robinson was shocked by the Nazi-Soviet Pact which preceded Germany's invasion of Poland. On his return to America he spent considerable sums of money to hold a huge Polish relief party at his home in October 1939, where thousands of dollars were raised. At the same time, he contributed directly to the Polish relief fund. During the same period, Communists in America were rationalizing Russia's brutal assault on Poland's rear as "protective security" for Soviet Russia, and boycotted Polish war relief activities and every other Allied war-relief cause until June 23, 1941, the day of the Nazi invasion of Russia.

During the period of the Berlin-Moscow Pact, Mr. Robinson contributed to the war-relief organizations of Finland and Poland, two countries which were victims of Soviet aggression. He also contributed to British, Greek, Chinese, French, Czechoslovakian, Yugoslav, and other foreign-relief programs.

While the Communists agitated against preparedness and the "Imperialist War" and called F. D. R. a "warmonger," Mr. Robinson supported the Committee to Defend America through Aid to the Allies (headed by William Allen White), and in his weekly transcontinental broadcasts (Big Tower, 1937-42) advocated American superiority in the air, even long before the Nazi invasion of Poland.

He received praise from high-ranking military officers for his aid to the defense program and recruiting drive. He received citations for his patriotism from many organizations, including the Americanism Educational League and the American Legion. The Legion citation, which was presented to him on his broadcast of January 15, 1941, was given him for "outstanding contribution to Americanism through his stirring patriotic appeals on his Nation-wide broadcasts of Big Tower."

Enumeration of his many activities for and contributions to the Red Cross and the United Service Organization (USO) would fill a book. He devoted much of his broadcasting time to the furtherance of Red Cross and USO activities. He arranged a garden party in his own home, at great expense to himself, to raise money for the USO, and, in addition, donated heavily himself.

After United States entry into the war, he devoted himself even more to the USO and other morale-building organizations. In 1942 he contributed \$100,000 in one lump sum to USO. When interviewed by the press in connection with that gift, he said: "This is only a small down-payment for the privilege of being an American."

His wife worked full-time for USO, being a member of its national executive board and president of the California State USO. Later she organized, headed, and inspired the famous Desert Battalion, a USO troupe which visited Marine, Army, and Navy units then training in the California and Arizona desert. Praise for the services of the Desert Battalion, on which Mr. Robinson spent more than \$15,000, came from many high-ranking Government and military officials, including Generals Vandegrift, Arnold, and Patton.

There were, of course, countless appearances in training camps and war plants, and twice he went abroad to entertain troops.

While abroad in 1942 he served as special officer of the Office of War Information and worked with the British Ministry for Information. He made numerous appearances for large rallies and many broadcasts. His appearances and broadcasts were intended to cement better relations between the two wartime allies. In addition, he made broadcasts from Britain in nine different languages to countries then under Nazi domination.

On his second trip abroad, in 1944, he again entertained troops and was the first Hollywood star to appear before the men on the beaches of Normandy shortly

after D-day. The British Royal Air Force asked Robinson to assist in the production of a film, *Journey Together*, sponsored by the RAF. In this film, Mr. Robinson played the part of an American aviation instructor training British cadets.

Before and after his trips Mr. Robinson served as Treasury Department mountebank and achieved a remarkable record in the sale of Savings and Defense bonds, for which he received numerous citations. He appeared in dramatic radio programs which were sponsored by the Treasury Department and in many public-service shows as "Command Performance," "Soldiers with Wings," and many others, sponsored by the War Department and Office of Emergency Management.

He contributed to the *Massmen Morale Corps of Hollywood*, appeared before the Chicago Convention on National Defense and before numerous meetings sponsored by war-relief organizations, including the Moor Bowl program of China relief in Hollywood, which won praise from David Selznick for its "immeasurable effect upon Chinese morale," and for being "the greatest impetus to the national drive to date" (August 25, 1941). For later appearances in behalf of China relief he won personal praise from Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

The record is far more extensive than indicated above, but even the items mentioned illustrate Mr. Robinson's desire to give of himself wholeheartedly in support of everything tending toward speeding victory and building a permanent peace through understanding among the allies. Just as he hoped and worked for the development of closer relations between Britain and the United States, so did he hope that unity between Russia and the United States would endure beyond victory. In that hope—during the wartime days—he was not alone. Nor did he go any further than top military and Government officials, as well as nationally prominent civic and social leaders—and above all—the large mass of the American public.

Thus Mr. Robinson accepted some invitations from organizations which are now considered unimpeachable, but which at that time, received support in the highest circles.

The National Council for American Soviet Friendship invited Mr. Robinson, in November 1942, to participate in their Congress of American Soviet Friendship, and in view of the facts just stated, he readily accepted. Indeed, he felt honored to be invited to join such distinguished persons as Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Jesse Jones, Senators Cuffey and McKellar, and Joseph E. Davies, Paul McNutt, Dorothy Thompson and many others. A year later, in November 1943, when a similar affair was held in Los Angeles, Mr. Robinson permitted use of his name as sponsor, though he did not participate in any activities. In 1944, he was asked to become a member of the national council. For that and the following year he paid his dues of \$5 each. Previously he had contributed \$100, three times representing the entire financial support given the council.

In 1943, at the joint celebration of Washington's birthday and Red Army Day in New York, Mr. Robinson delivered a short talk in the distinguished company of Secretary Morgenthau, Field Marshal Sir Henry Maitland Wilson of Britain, and Major General Kuter of the United States Air Force. Military attaches from many countries, stationed in Washington, also were present. Later that year he was invited to send a message to a rally sponsored by the council at which (the then) Assistant Secretary of State Dean Acheson was the main speaker. His words: "May our unity grow stronger, our understanding fuller, and our collaboration greater in order to maintain world peace."

In 1948, again upon request, he sent a similar message of greetings to the joint celebration of Washington's birthday and Red Army Day. At that occasion General Walter Bedell Smith was the featured speaker. Since then Mr. Robinson had no further association with, nor did he contribute to the National Council.

*Soviet Russia Today*, an illustrated publication, sponsored a Red Army anniversary dinner on February 22, 1943, in New York. Though invited, he did not attend, but permitted his name to be used as sponsor and made available—for use at the dinner—the text of a recording which he made upon request for the Office of War Information, and which was being transmitted by the OWI to Russia as a tribute to the Red Army.

Aside from this, Mr. Robinson had no further connection with Soviet Russia Today.

THE AMERICAN RUSSIAN LIAISON requested in June 1942 that Mr. Robinson submit a message to be included in a book which was sent to the Russian people on the first anniversary of the Nazi attack upon Russia. He wrote: "The American heart and soul cheer the valiant fight of its allies, the Russian Army, and its people in their indomitable struggle against the aggressor hordes."



Outside of submitting this statement, Mr. Robinson had nothing to do with the Isthmian.

The American Committee for Yugoslav Relief invited Mr. Robinson to speak at a rally held on the steps of the Los Angeles City Hall and to introduce the deputy mayor. Mr. Robinson acceded to the request, but beyond that had no further connection with this group. He made no contribution to that organization.

#### MR. ROBINSON'S MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Perhaps Mr. Robinson's character, mental make-up, and sphere of interest is revealed most clearly in analysis of his financial contributions to worthy causes. In a period of 10 years from 1939 to 1949, he contributed more than a quarter of a million dollars.

The figures for this analysis were drawn from Mr. Robinson's books and income tax reports.

The largest sum, close to \$131,000 was given to organizations whose purpose it was to build morale during the war among our soldiers and at the home front. This does not include the personal services of which he gave unstintingly. Mention should be made that he financed the major portion of both his trips abroad out of his own funds.

The largest recipient of Mr. Robinson's gift was the USO. Other large contributions went to the Desert Battalion, Salute to the Wounded Chaplains' Fund, Hollywood Guild Canteen, and the Masquers Service Men's Morale Corps.

More than \$30,000 was given by Mr. Robinson to charities which, in one way or another, aided victims of World War II. Among these were contributions to foreign war relief organizations such as the China Relief Agency, Free French, British Relief, Aid to Greece, Finland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, etc. His contributions to the people who were victims of the Berlin-Moscow Pact began at the very outset of the war. In 1939, while the Berlin-Moscow Pact was still in effect and before the United States entry into the conflict.

Charities maintained by religious groups received more than \$87,000 in the 10-year period, and in that time, too, practically every denomination was given consideration. Catholic churches and hospitals, the Salvation Army, Episcopal and Congregational Churches came to Mr. Robinson for aid and received it. Of course, Jewish charities received a good share of this sum since Mr. Robinson is of that faith.

Organizations dedicated to the promotion of better understanding among people of different races also received \$12,000. Among them were the United Negro College Fund, the George Washington Carver Association, National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Urban League, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, University Religious Conference, and others of that type.

Another \$10,000 went to educational and cultural groups, particularly to art associations, museums, symphony associations, artist fellowships, universities, libraries, etc.

Groups aiding underprivileged, disabled, blind, aged people, etc., received over \$15,000, among them: The Braille Institute, Helping Hand, National Society for Prevention of Blindness, House of the Aged, Industrial Center for the Aged, etc. There were contributions also to the National Foundation on Infantile Paralysis, Damon Runyon Fund, Sister Kenny Foundation, and the community chests. Crippled Children's Fund, Children's Aid Society, Benefit for Spastic Children, Nursery School for Handicapped Children, prison relief organizations, and the Motion Picture Relief Fund were among his beneficiaries.

Patriotic, youth, and veterans organizations received around \$2,000, among them the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, YMCA, YWCA, Eddie Cantor Camp Committee, Boy Scouts, boys clubs of various sorts, and many others.

These figures do not add up to make of the donor a Communist or fellow-traveler. Most of the recipients are what the Communists call either bourgeois or Fascist.

Being a consistent Democrat and a follower of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mr. Robinson contributed to the party's election campaigns. In 1940, he contributed \$250 to F. D. R.'s campaign through the Hollywood for Roosevelt Committee. In 1944, he contributed to Democratic candidates seeking election to the United States Congress and the California State Assembly; \$500 was given to the Hollywood Democratic Committee; and \$1,500 was given to the NCPAC to purchase radio time for Franklin Roosevelt's behalf.

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250 HICASP received \$250 at the time of its founding, in May 1945. In addition, 191 three contributions, amounting to \$195 were made to HICASP in 1948 to support regular Democratic candidates.

200 The Los Angeles chapter of PCA received \$200 to cover part of the expenses of its founding meeting on February 11, 1947, and two additional contributions 203 followed in that year amounting to \$363.50, the latest of these on May 19, 1947.

The National Council for American Soviet Friendship received during the war 114 period a contribution of \$100 and annual dues for 2 years at \$5 each, totaling \$110.

In addition, the following amounts were given to the American Society for 117 Russian Relief, Inc.: In 1941, \$11; in 1942, \$14.50; in 1943, \$11.50; in 1944, 118 \$7.50.

Mr. Robinson's books do not contain an explanation for the odd figures, 119 but he assumes that they were for purchases of tickets.

In comparison to the quarter of a million dollars, the contributions to organizations listed in Red Channels are microscopically small. The point need not be labored. The facts and figures speak for themselves.

#### CONCLUSIONS

There is quoted below an excerpt from a speech made by Mr. Robinson in 1940, speaking at an "I Am An American" rally, and addressing himself to the young people who had come of age during the past year and achieved citizenship. He said: At 21 you need have no fear that because your father is a Protestant, or a Catholic, or a Jew, or a Liberal, or a German, or a petty official or non-Communist in Russia—that you will be made to suffer through crushing government decrees.

"The fifth columnist is a subtle person. He works from within our population, slowly, silently, like acid on stone, eating steadily the fibers of our national unity. He is an individual, yes. But he is not alone. There are thousands like him, in all parts of the country, inspired or directed by the foreign powers of communism and nazism. They proceed according to plan, moving with relentless precision."

An objective examination of the record, which includes a consideration of the time and background of each of Mr. Robinson's activities, completely negates any conclusion that he was moved at any time by any motive other than that of a patriotic American citizen endeavoring to assist worthwhile activities and the best interests of his country. Mr. Robinson would welcome an opportunity to further document the assertions made in the foregoing pages so that the biased charges of Red Channels be recognized for what they are.

In conclusion, Mr. Robinson declares directly and unequivocally that he is not now, nor has he ever been a fellow traveler or a member of the Communist Party; that he has at no time espoused or believed in the doctrine of the Communist Party, which he decries and condemns; that he has at all times opposed every form of totalitarianism and employed his talents to stimulate among the millions of peoples he reached—greater devotion to the democratic way of life; that he would assist and defend the United States of America in any way within his power against any enemy, including Russia, her supporters and satellites.

Mr. Robinson. I should also like to leave, if you wish, for your own records, just what my contributions have been. These contributions are gotten out of my income tax returns, and to my knowledge I don't believe any items have been left out, deductible or nondeductible.

Mr. ROSEN. Mr. Robinson, I show you a photostatic document consisting of four pages, headed "Donations," covering the year 1939, and ask you if there are any contributions appearing in this document that you would like to comment upon?

Mr. ROBINSON. Well, I think an examination of my contributions in 1939—which I understand is the critical year for sort of exposing whether I had any communistic tendencies—would clearly indicate that no contributions were ever made to Russia, but, on the contrary, that contributions were made to the victims of the German-Russian Pact; and would show what my pattern had been, that I was interested

in civic, cultural, national, and all decent causes that I think a good American would be for.

You will see that a party was given at my home for the victims of the German-Russian Pact, a Polish relief party, for which I spent a great deal of money. Also, donations were made for Bundles for Britain, the Red Cross, Finnish Relief Fund, Committee to Defend America, and so forth. At that time the Communists were calling Mr. Roosevelt a warmonger.

I don't know of anything else I might say except you have looked at it and you could draw your own conclusions from the contributions.

Mr. Russell. Mr. Robinson, as far as you know that is the entire list of contributions that you made during the year 1939?

Mr. Robinson. Yes, sir, absolutely.

Mr. Russell. That is, according to the best of your recollection?

Mr. Robinson. To my best recollection they are the ones, and no other contributions.

Mr. Russell. I show you a list of contributions made by you during the year 1940 and ask if you have any comment to make regarding the contributions which appear thereon?

Mr. Robinson. I think they will again show that I was even deeper in following that kind of a pattern, that my contributions increased and they were all given to the Allies, to our side, and certainly not to anything or anybody who was pro-Russian.

You find here contributions for Bundles for Britain, for Finnish Relief, for China, for Red Cross. I think if you will look over the full list you will again get an idea of just what my pattern or my behavior was at that particular time.

Mr. Russell. Mr. Robinson, I show you a photostatic copy of donations made by you during the year 1941 and ask if you have any comment to make regarding any of the organizations that appear thereon?

Mr. Robinson. No. I will let that speak for itself.

Mr. Russell. Would the same statement be applicable to the photostatic copies of donations made by you for the years 1942 through 1949?

Mr. Robinson. Yes, sir. I will let you draw your own conclusions. I think if you will look over the contributions that I have made in the last 10 or 11 years you will find that they have been given to hundreds of various organizations in all fields of patriotic, cultural, educational, civic, help to the Allies, and what I considered were worthy causes.

Mr. Russell. Would you care to make the photostatic copies of the donations made by you part of the record?

Mr. Robinson. Yes, I would, definitely, and I would like to have it clearly understood that these records are the complete records, to my knowledge, of all the contributions I have made in these last years, as reported to the Government of the United States, and if you wish you are free to examine my books, which are still available.

(The lists of donations above referred to are as follows:)

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## Donations—Continued

Date	Name	Amount
December 1939		
Nov. 22, 1939	Rometel News League, Polish Relief Party	\$18.34
Nov. 24, 1939	Brighton Park A. C.	2.00
Nov. 27, 1939	Levinsky, Braila Institute of Education	25.00
Dec. 1, 1939	Overbrook A. C.	500.00
Dec. 4, 1939	Los Angeles Community Chest	1,400.00
Do.	Magnum Christmas Fund	5.00
Do.	Harmonist Christmas Seal Fund	12.00
Dec. 7, 1939	Hollywood Guild	11.34
Dec. 8, 1939	J. J. Newberry Pk. drill for deaf-blind of a Nation	22.18
Nov. 20, 1939	Central St. Institution for the Deaf	1.00
Dec. 8, 1939	Orthopedic Hospital	25.00
Dec. 12, 1939	Association of Jews of Southern California	10.00
Dec. 4, 1939	Children's Voice at Lobby Party on Hudson	22.00
Dec. 14, 1939	Opportunity Children—refugee fund	10.00
Do.	Philharmonic Auditorium, tickets for Blahnik relief	10.00
Dec. 22, 1939	Opportunity Picture—refugee fund	10.00
Do.	Hollywood Guild	10.00
Dec. 25, 1939	Salvador Army	20.00
Dec. 22, 1939	Salvador Army	20.00
Dec. 24, 1939	Indic Photo—tickets for Overbrook A. C.	22.00
Dec. 21, 1939	Christmas party, Overbrook A. C.	25.00
Dec. 27, 1939	Hollywood Guild	2.00
1940		
Dec. 26, 1939	Brown Street Old Apt House	5.00
Jan. 1, 1940	Hollywood Guild	1.00
Dec. 26, 1939	Los Angeles League	20.00
Do.	Polish Relief Fund	80.00
Jan. 2, 1940	Movie Picture Bill Photoduplication	12.00
Jan. 4, 1940	Joseph H. H. & Mary H.	12.00
Do.	Movie Club	3.00
Jan. 8, 1940	Drinking Fund	5.00
Jan. 18, 1940	N. Y. Guild for Jewish Blind	10.00
Feb. 12, 1940	Radio Auxiliary (New York)	1.00
Feb. 16, 1940	Radio Auxiliary	1.00
Mar. 15, 1940	Community Symposium	24.00
Feb. 13, 1940	10th St. Club	41.00
Feb. 18, 1940	Philharmonic Grade School	27.00
Do.	National Bureau for Blind Artists	30.00
Feb. 20, 1940	University of California Conference	20.00
Do.	Southern California Symphony Association	20.00
Mar. 7, 1940	National Conference—Children, and Jews	20.00
Mar. 14, 1940	Victims of Foreign Wars	100.00
Do.	The Children of Persimmon	25.00
Do.	Pathway to the Future	25.00
Apr. 4, 1940	U. S. Veterans	4.00
Apr. 5, 1940	The Lambs	1.00
Apr. 5, 1940	Mr. Schwepker—radio show	50.00
Apr. 26, 1940	Friends of Stars	10.00
Apr. 30, 1940	Girl Scout Camp	14.38
Apr. 21, 1940	Radio Picture—radio show	10.00
May 1, 1940	Radio Picture—radio show	10.00
Apr. 26, 1940	National Anti-Slavery Committee	50.00
Apr. 29, 1940	The Fighting Fund	1,500.00
May 2, 1940	Swedish Patriotic Fund	5.00
Do.	United Fraternity Association of Massachusetts	25.00
May 19, 1940	Ho. of Music	10.00
May 2, 1940	Children and Society	5.00
May 2, 1940	Carroll School for Blind	10.00
May 8, 1940	Boys Club of San Antonio	10.00
May 16, 1940	Voluntary Service for Children	25.00
May 9, 1940	National Society for Prevention of Blindness	25.00
May 20, 1940	The Young Men's Int.	10.00
May 11, 1940	Government Home for Blind	10.00
May 13, 1940	National Association for the Blind Artists	10.00
May 27, 1940	Hollywood Guild	5.00
June 1, 1940	National Jewish Hospital	100.00
June 4, 1940	Police Officers Association of California	10.00
June 8, 1940	British War Relief	4.00
Do.	Red Cross	10.00
June 1, 1940	Sam L. Warrens Square Club	50.00
May 26, 1940	American Red Cross	5.00
June 1, 1940	Red Cross	100.00
June 19, 1940	Edgewood Guild	2.00
May 27, 1940	Police School for Workers	10.00
June 10, 1940	University Settlement	50.00
June 2, 1940	American Red Cross	25.00
June 12, 1940	Bureau of Jewish Relief	25.00
June 20, 1940	American Commission for Jewish Relief	50.00
June 22, 1940	Boys Athletic League	14.00
July 12, 1940	Hollywood Country Club—tickets for Red Cross party	10.00

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## Donations—Continued

Date	Name	Amount
	<b>Gift</b>	
Dec. 16, 1943	Colored Orphan Asylum.....	\$28.00
Dec. 22, 1943	Mary Pickford.....	1.00
Jan. 30, 1943	Nesbitt Club.....	2.00
Jan. 14, 1943	Partisan League, CNO expense.....	22.75
Jan. 14, 1943	Los Angeles Lodge No. 484, B'nai B'rith.....	2.75
Jan. 14, 1943	OWI trip—Warrenton.....	103.25
Jan. 10, 1943	National Society for Prevention Blindness.....	10.00
Jan. 8, 1943	Women's Committee—Philharmonic Orchestra.....	5.00
Jan. 13, 1943	American Christian League of L.A.C.....	10.00
Jan. 23, 1943	New York Guild for Jewish Blind.....	10.00
Feb. 1, 1943	Artists Fellowship (Hollywood).....	10.00
Feb. 14, 1943	Southern California Symphony Association, contribution.....	100.00
Mar. 18, 1943	Hollywood Guild.....	1.00
Mar. 21, 1943	Hollywood Hotel, material (L.S.).....	12.44
Feb. 24, 1943	Jack Warner—contribution Nure Dame University.....	100.00
Mar. 31, 1943	Tallmadge Institute.....	5.00
Mar. 31, 1943	National Jewish Hospital of Denver.....	5.00
Mar. 31, 1943	Children's Welfare Committee.....	20.00
Mar. 31, 1943	Youth Aliyah—Los Angeles Chapter of B'nai B'rith.....	480.00
Apr. 17, 1943	American Committee Protection of Foreign Born.....	100.00
Apr. 20, 1943	Hollywood Guild.....	2.50
Apr. 22, 1943	Unlinked Children Society of Los Angeles.....	25.00
May 22, 1943	Representative Charles Philbrick for Red Cross.....	250.00
Do.	Vicki H. May, Ambassador.....	1.00
Do.	Hollywood Guild.....	15.00
May 12, 1943	Mount Wilson College.....	15.00
May 12, 1943	United Jewish Welfare Fund.....	250.00
Do.	Do.....	1,220.00
June 1, 1943	Russian War Relief.....	11.00
June 9, 1943	We Will Never Die Committee.....	41.00
June 10, 1943	Occidental College.....	20.00
June 16, 1943	United Capitol Asylum.....	25.00
June 9, 1943	Chinese Women's Association.....	1.00
Do.	Chinese Women's Association.....	13.25
July 11, 1943	University Religious Conference.....	20.00
July 11, 1943	Desert Nationalist Party.....	122.75
Aug. 6, 1943	Do.....	5.00
Aug. 17, 1943	French Bazaar—L.S.O. expense.....	2.00
Do.	Tallmadge.....	1.00
Do.	National Council American Social Fellowship.....	100.00
Sept. 15, 1943	Jewish People's Relief—International Workers.....	51.00
Sept. 26, 1943	Rancho Yuma Camp, CBO Desert Battalion.....	200.00
Sept. 26, 1943	James H. Jones for L.S.O.....	25.00
Sept. 26, 1943	TWA Airline—L.S.O.—Desert Battalion.....	149.49
Sept. 26, 1943	Arden Farms, Desert Battalion Party.....	5.00
Sept. 26, 1943	Rancho Yuma Athletic Association.....	25.00
Oct. 8, 1943	California Public Employees Association.....	15.00
Oct. 12, 1943	Lydia Bender—charitable services, Desert Battalion.....	5.00
Do.	Community Service.....	25.00
Oct. 8, 1943	East Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas, Desert Battalion trip.....	175.55
Oct. 12, 1943	Do.....	15.00
Oct. 12, 1943	Holston Band.....	5.00
Oct. 11, 1943	Pennington Central Airfield—Desert Battalion trip.....	131.75
Oct. 25, 1943	Regen Club.....	1.00
Do.	Children's Aid Society.....	25.00
Oct. 25, 1943	Nancy Deshpande, secretary, Desert Battalion.....	15.00
Oct. 25, 1943	Federated College of California.....	25.00
Oct. 25, 1943	Long Club of Hollywood.....	10.00
Oct. 25, 1943	Arthur Murray Studio—Desert Battalion.....	75.00
Oct. 25, 1943	Montclair Mercantile Officers of California.....	15.00
Oct. 25, 1943	Authors Fund of Southern Film Fund.....	25.00
Oct. 25, 1943	Paula Winkler, Co.—Desert Battalion.....	20.00
Oct. 11, 1943	Women's Committee—Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra.....	5.00
Oct. 15, 1943	National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc.....	50.00
Oct. 25, 1943	Patricia Lachman.....	5.00
Oct. 25, 1943	Notes, Puzos, expense Desert Battalion trip.....	372.52
Oct. 12, 1943	James L. Jones, Secretary Desert Battalion.....	100.00
Oct. 25, 1943	Jewish Relief Institute.....	15.00
Nov. 6, 1943	Edith McClean, secretary Desert Battalion.....	15.00
Oct. 25, 1943	Association of Modern Art.....	25.00
Do.	Edith Parks—secretary—Desert Battalion.....	15.00
Nov. 4, 1943	John L. Jones—secretary—Desert Battalion.....	25.00
Do.	Orlando W. Robinson, secretary.....	25.00
Do.	Rosa and West Association.....	15.00
Do.	Shirley Hodel and Mary Lever Hodel—Desert Battalion.....	475.54
Do.	Emergency Committee to Save Jewish People.....	50.00
Do.	Boys' Athletic League.....	10.00
Do.	Lydia Bender, secretary, Desert Battalion.....	5.00
Do.	United Hebrew Association of Massachusetts.....	10.00
Nov. 31, 1943	United Orphan Asylum.....	25.00
Nov. 16, 1943	Home of the Aged—Desert Battalion.....	225.14
		21.00

## Donations—Continued

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Date	Name	Amount
May 1, 1944	Desert Battalion, Inc.	
June 1, 1944	Desert Battalion, Inc.	83.75
June 2, 1944	Desert Battalion, Inc.	43.75
June 3, 1944	Desert Battalion, Inc.	2,000.00
June 10, 1944	Desert Battalion, Inc.	7,000.00
Do.	Desert Battalion, Inc.	1,000.00
June 20, 1944	Do.	
July 1, 1944	Do.	
June 20, 1944	Gala Auction Fund	422.78
June 20, 1944	Union Pacific R. R. Desert Battalion trip	10.00
June 20, 1944	Los Angeles Police & Sheriff's Association	210.00
July 10, 1944	Desert Battalion	12.00
July 10, 1944	Boys Club of America	25.00
Aug. 1, 1944	Hotel California, Desert Battalion	25.00
Aug. 10, 1944	Anderson Field, Desert Battalion	0.30
Aug. 1, 1944	National Farm-A-Like League	1.00
Aug. 10, 1944	Freemason Lodge, Desert Battalion trip	10.00
Aug. 10, 1944	Do.	5.00
Aug. 10, 1944	Madison Square Boys Club	5.00
Aug. 10, 1944	National Association for Blind Artists	24.00
Aug. 21, 1944	Boys' Home - overnight trip	400.00
Aug. 30, 1944	British Overseas Airways Corp.	100.00
Aug. 10, 1944	Museum Pacific Association, Los Angeles County Museum	25.00
Aug. 20, 1944	Texas Air, 10 hours trip	25.00
Do.	Hotel Prince	25.00
Aug. 10, 1944	Southern California Symphony Association	25.00
Sept. 1, 1944	University Building Conference	30.00
Sept. 1, 1944	Hollywood Fraternity Club	100.00
Sept. 1, 1944	Robert Daryl for Desert Battalion	25.00
Sept. 1, 1944	Chicago Fraternity League	25.00
Sept. 1, 1944	Hotel Prince - overnight trip	50.00
Sept. 1, 1944	San Francisco Corp., San Francisco, Texas Hotel	142.22
Sept. 1, 1944	California Junior Symphony Association	400.00
Sept. 1, 1944	Art and Victory	10.00
Do.	Desert Battalion	47.00
Do.	Do.	25.00
Oct. 10, 1944	Yarnall Committee	1,100.00
Do.	Desert Battalion	5.00
Do.	Children's Aid Society	25.00
Oct. 10, 1944	War Chest	25.00
Oct. 10, 1944	Catholic Action Club	25.00
Oct. 10, 1944	War Chest	25.00
Oct. 10, 1944	Desert Battalion	10.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Los Angeles County Museum	1.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Museum of Modern Art	25.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Strategic Forces Unit of America	25.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Helming Board	25.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Elizabeth Keagy Institute	25.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Desert Battalion	25.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Los Angeles County Museum	25.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Artists' Guild, Inc.	25.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Mothers	100.00
Nov. 1, 1944	The Fairies	25.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Jewish Braille Institute of America	25.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Permanent Civilian Committee 1944 War Chest	15.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Do.	25.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Junior Auxiliary Jewish Home for Aged	200.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Do.	50.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Hollywood Fraternity Club	
Nov. 1, 1944	Emery & Co. for Desert Battalion	200.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Union Pacific	25.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Boys' Club	200.00
Nov. 1, 1944	State Life Insurance Association	2.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Desert Battalion	1.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Desert Battalion	25.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Edgar & Sons, War Chest	5.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Desert Battalion	15.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Eastern Air Line, War trip	5,000.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Pat. Association, War trip	90.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Johnny's Club Fund	100.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Benjamin Franklin Museum	25.00
Nov. 1, 1944	State of New York, War trip	25.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Desert Battalion	25.00
Nov. 1, 1944	National Foundation, War Chest	25.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Desert Battalion	25.00
Nov. 1, 1944	War Chest	25.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Do.	25.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Edgar & Sons, War Chest	25.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Desert Battalion	25.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Artists' Guild, Inc.	25.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Permanent Civilian Committee, War Chest	15.00
Nov. 1, 1944	Do.	25.00

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## Donations—Continued

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## Donations—Continued

Date	Name	Amount
1946—Continued		
Apr. 25, 1946	Braille Institute	\$25.00
May 21, 1946	Edible Cactus Camp Fund	50.00
May 21, 1946	BLUASP	120.00
May 21, 1946	Los Angeles Police Guild Association	21.00
May 21, 1946	Children Aid Society	10.00
May 21, 1946	Los Angeles Art Association	100.00
May 21, 1946	Boy Scouts of America	7,400.00
May 21, 1946	United Jewish Welfare Fund	521.00
June 21, 1946	American Veterans Committee	105.00
July 1, 1946	West View Hospital, Inc.	25.00
May 20, 1946	Health for Spanish Children	10.00
Aug. 20, 1946	The Museum of Modern Art	50.00
Sept. 15, 1946	National Jewish Hospital	1.00
Do	Tulsa Chapter	25.00
Do	Epiphany Museum	25.00
Do	Museum of Modern Art	5.00
Oct. 12, 1946	Woman's Committee Philanthropic Orchestra	200.00
Do	Boys' Country & Synagogue Association	5.00
Oct. 14, 1946	Helping Hand	145.00
Do	1st National Jewish Education Party	50.00
Nov. 14, 1946	United Jewish Welfare Association, Inc.	200.00
Nov. 17, 1946	Jewish Agency	125.00
Oct. 22, 1946	United Synagogue, Inc.	15.00
Oct. 26, 1946	United Synagogue of California	5.00
Nov. 6, 1946	United Synagogue	5.00
Nov. 8, 1946	Do	5.00
Oct. 30, 1946	John M. Fork Co.—American Veterans Committee Party	54.74
Nov. 13, 1946	Do	103.00
Nov. 9, 1946	Do	7.00
Nov. 12, 1946	Do	60.77
Nov. 22, 1946	Do	3.50
Oct. 28, 1946	12th Nike Unit	100.00
Dec. 4, 1946	Delaware Valley Conference	30.00
Do	Negro Relief Fund of America	170.00
Dec. 14, 1946	United Jewish Welfare Fund	130.00
Dec. 14, 1946	United Jewish Welfare Fund	43.16
Dec. 14, 1946	United Jewish Welfare Fund	271.00
Nov. 29, 1946	United Jewish Welfare Fund	21.00
Dec. 22, 1946	United Jewish Welfare Fund	32.45
Dec. 26, 1946	Do	15.24
1947		
Feb. 10, 1947	Presbyterian Church of California	\$22.00
Feb. 12, 1947	Jewish Home for Aged	50.00
Feb. 18, 1947	United Jewish Welfare Fund	20.00
Do	United Jewish Welfare Fund	100.00
Mar. 7, 1947	Temple Emanuel—annual dues Feb. 1947-48	1,200.00
Mar. 7, 1947	Germania Club Ladies Committee	10.00
Apr. 8, 1947	Monetary for orphan Handicapped Children	28.13
Apr. 16, 1947	Sholemberg Bakery—American Federation of Women's Clubs	51.79
May 3, 1947	United Jewish Welfare Fund	25.00
May 10, 1947	United Jewish Welfare Fund	14.80
Do	United Jewish Welfare Fund	500.00
May 22, 1947	United Jewish Welfare Fund	10.00
June 5, 1947	AD Sports Luncheon Committee	10.00
May 17, 1947	United Jewish Welfare Fund	7.30
June 12, 1947	United Jewish Welfare Fund	20.00
Do	United Jewish Welfare Fund	250.70
June 27, 1947	United Jewish Welfare Fund	100.00
July 30, 1947	United Jewish Welfare Fund	5.00
Do	United Jewish Welfare Fund	1,000.00
Aug. 14, 1947	United Jewish Welfare Fund	1.00
Sept. 9, 1947	United Jewish Welfare Fund	10.00
Oct. 10, 1947	United Jewish Welfare Fund	5.00
Do	United Jewish Welfare Fund	100.00
Nov. 14, 1947	United Jewish Welfare Fund	1,000.00
Do	United Jewish Welfare Fund	20.00
Sept. 11, 1947	United Jewish Welfare Fund	100.00
Dec. 8, 1947	United Jewish Welfare Fund	1,000.00
Nov. 14, 1947	United Jewish Welfare Fund	10.00
Dec. 10, 1947	United Jewish Welfare Fund	5.00
Do	United Jewish Welfare Fund	100.00
Dec. 8, 1947	United Jewish Welfare Fund	200.00
Nov. 27, 1947	United Jewish Welfare Fund	15.00
Apr. 15, 1947	United Jewish Welfare Fund	15.00

## Donations--Continued

Date	Name	Amount
<b>1948</b>		
Dec. 11, 1947	Dawn Society	\$3.00
Dec. 2, 1948	Jewish Home for the Aged	\$50.00
Jan. 18, 1948	Veteran Del Mar Association	50.00
Jan. 30, 1948	Public Charter Camp Committee	54.00
Do	United Negro and Allied Veterans of America	144.00
Jan. 31, 1948	Armsa Foundation, Inc.	54.00
Feb. 12, 1948	Women's Committee Philharmonic	1.00
Mar. 12, 1948	Temple Emanuel--donated to February 1948	100.00
Do	Mount Sinai Hospital and Clinic	16.41
Mar. 30, 1948	American National Red Cross	100.00
Apr. 2, 1948	West View Hospital	100.00
Apr. 12, 1948	Los Angeles Police Relief Association	75.00
May 24, 1948	United Jewish Welfare Fund	\$50.00
May 24, 1948	Ebenezer Relief Association	25.00
June 10, 1948	Young Men's Christian Association	700.00
June 10, 1948	United Jewish Welfare Fund of Los Angeles	4,000.00
June 10, 1948	Southwest Museum	25.00
June 10, 1948	Museum of Modern Art	25.00
Sept. 12, 1948	The Museum Association	25.00
Oct. 1, 1948	Palisades	12.00
Oct. 18, 1948	Standard Motorcycles, Inc.	1.00
Do	Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra	5.00
Do	The Hispanic Band of Los Angeles	10.00
Do	Catholic Action Fund	25.00
Do	Southern California Symphony Association	25.00
Nov. 18, 1948	The Dawn Society	1,000.00
Nov. 18, 1948	Presidential Charities Committee	11.00
Dec. 10, 1948	Holland-Caplan, Cash	50.00
Dec. 20, 1948	Artists Fellowship, Inc.	20.00
Dec. 31, 1948	Western Committee Institute of Modern Art	20.00
<b>1949</b>		
Jan. 1, 1949	Hebrew University Building Fund	25.00
Do	Van der Noot Association	1.00
Jan. 4, 1949	Sanction Art Co.	100.00
Do	National Society Protection Blindness	25.00
Jan. 21, 1949	Jewish Home for Aged	15.00
Jan. 21, 1949	Orphan League Fund	40.00
Jan. 21, 1949	Alfred and Jewish Center	1.00
Jan. 21, 1949	Alfred and Jewish Center	100.00
Jan. 21, 1949	Alfred and Jewish Center	1.00
Jan. 21, 1949	Alfred and Jewish Center	100.00
Feb. 11, 1949	Public Charter Camp Committee	50.00
Do	Artists Fellowship	10.00
Do	Southwest Museum	25.00
Feb. 11, 1949	Art Association of New Orleans	5.00
Mar. 15, 1949	Boys' Life Chapter of Commerce Youth Fund	25.00
Do	St. Joseph Hospital Fund	25.00
Mar. 21, 1949	American Friends of Hebrew University pledge	5,000.00
Mar. 21, 1949	United Jewish Welfare Fund, balance due 1948-49	1.00
Do	Los Angeles Art Association	100.00
Apr. 12, 1949	American Red Cross	100.00
Do	Country Italian Conference	500.00
May 6, 1949	Phil. Inc. and Port Adm. for M.P.R.F.	100.00
Do	Deverox School	15.00
June 1, 1949	Youth Foundation	50.00
June 8, 1949	Associated Blind	12.50
Do	Friends' Church Day	25.00
Do	Los Angeles Public Relief Association	150.00
Aug. 14, 1949	Museum of Modern Art	75.00
Nov. 28, 1949	The Museum Association	100.00
Do	Armsa, Inc.	100.00
Do	Young Men's Christian Association	20.00
Do	Museum of Modern Art	11,000.00
Do	United Jewish Welfare Fund	200.00
Do	Do	100.00
Do	George Washington Carver Association	10.00
Do	United Negro College Fund	1.00
Dec. 30, 1949	Veteran Del Mar Association	50.00
Dec. 30, 1949	Jewish Home for Aged	50.00
Dec. 30, 1949	Artists Fellowship, Inc.	20.00



Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Robinson, I ask you whether or not you have ever been a member of the Communist Party of the United States or of any other country?

Mr. ROBINSON. I have not. I should like to declare directly and unequivocally that I am not now, nor have I ever been, a fellow traveler or a member of the Communist Party; that I have at no time espoused or believed in the doctrine of the Communist Party, which I detest and condemn; that I have at all times opposed every form of totalitarianism, and have employed my talents to stimulate, among the millions of people I have reached, greater devotion to the democratic way of life; and that I would assist and defend the United States of America in any way within my power against any enemy, including Russia, her supporters and satellites.

At this time I should like to bring to the committee's attention that in 1940, speaking at an I Am An American rally, and addressing myself to the young people who had come of age during the past year and achieved citizenship, I said:

At 21 you need have no fear that because your father is a Protestant, or a Catholic, or a Jew, or a liberal, as in Germany, or a petty official or non-Communist in Russia—that you will be made to suffer through crushing government demands.

The fifth columnist is a subtle person. He works from within our population, slowly, silently, like acid on stone, eroding steadily the fibers of our national unity. He is an individual, yes. But he is not alone. There are thousands like him, in all parts of the country, inspired or directed by the foreign powers of communism and nazism. They proceed according to plan, moving with relentless precision.

Mr. ROSSMAN. Mr. Robinson, according to the records of this committee there are four Communist fronts of importance which have listed you either as a sponsor, the sender of greetings, or as a patron.

I would like to ask you whether you ever sent greetings to an organization known as the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade?

Mr. ROBINSON. To my knowledge I have never sent any greetings to the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

Mr. RUSSELL. In the November 1943 issue of a publication, Volunteer for Liberty, at page 3, the name Edward G. Robinson was listed as the sender of greetings.

Mr. ROBINSON. I know nothing about the Volunteer for Liberty, nor do I find anything in my files to indicate anything of the kind. I have no recollection of any communication with Volunteer for Liberty.

Mr. RUSSELL. According to another document in the committee's files, the name Edward G. Robinson was listed as a sponsor of a conference on China and the Far East, called by the National Committee To Win the Peace and the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy.

Mr. ROBINSON. I don't recall anything of the kind. What year was that?

Mr. RUSSELL. October 1943.

Mr. ROBINSON. May I see any list of contributions for that year? (The list referred to was handed to the witness.)

Mr. ROBINSON. I see here, "Win the Peace Conference—\$50." It is possible that I gave them \$50, but I certainly had no notion that it was a Communist or communistic-front organization.

④ Mr. RUSSELL. The letterhead of the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy contains your name as a sponsor. The letterhead was issued May 28, 1946. Do you recall having given permission to that organization for use of your name as a sponsor?

Mr. ROBINSON. I don't recall anything of the kind. I have no recollection of ever having given permission to that organization to use my name as a sponsor or otherwise.

I find in my files a telegram from Chicago, Ill., dated June 4, 1946, addressed to me at 910 North Raxford Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif., reading as follows:

We urge you accept invitation as speaker at rally for democracy in Soldier Field, Saturday night, August 10 before 1,000,000. United group of labor, religious, nationalities, and civic organizations staging this unity and anti-Fascist meeting as anniversary of wars end. Wire reply collect.

IRA LATIMER,

Executive Director, Chicago Civil Liberties Committee.

I replied to this telegram by letter dated June 6, 1946, as follows:

Mr. IRA LATIMER,

Executive Director, Chicago Civil Liberties Committee,  
21 East Van Buren, Chicago, Ill.

DEAR MR. LATIMER: While I would like very much to accept your generous invitation to participate in the services at Soldier Field on August 10, studio commitments here on the coast will make it impossible.

I do appreciate the invitation to speak on such an inspired occasion and hope that you will relay my regrets, together with my best wishes to all those taking part.

Sincerely,

EDWARD G. ROBINSON.

I also find in my files a letter from the Committee To Win the Peace, Union County Branch, Elizabeth, N. J., dated June 10, 1946, reading as follows:

Mr. EDWARD G. ROBINSON,

910 Redford Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif.

DEAR MR. ROBINSON: On Sunday, June 30, between 2 and 5 p. m., there will be held in the Warminster Park Stadium, Elizabeth, N. J., a mass rally to prevent World War III.

This meeting is being arranged by the Union County Committee to Win the Peace, a local group affiliated with the national organization of the same name, headed by Paul Robeson and Col. Evans S. Carlson. Our group is certain to be able to assemble between five and ten thousand people at this rally.

Knowing that you are in full sympathy with what we are trying to do, we feel that you would participate as opportunity to participate in the program. Would you be kind enough to let us know whether we can count on you? We are, of course, very anxious to have you with us.

Very sincerely yours,

COMMITTEE TO WIN THE PEACE,  
UNION COUNTY, N. J.

S. W. HEINZMAN, Chairman, Program Committee.

412 Westfield Avenue, Elizabeth 3, N. J.

I replied to the above letter by night letter dated June 28, 1946, as follows:

Mr. S. W. HEINZMAN,

412 Westfield Avenue, Elizabeth 3, N. J.

No issue before the world is greater than winning the peace and securing it. The unity and cooperation of the Big Three in harmony with the peoples of the world will mean progress and prosperity in one world. Kindly know my sym-

pathies are with you and I am fighting for the same objectives. In this endeavor may I wish you and those participating great success. Regret my inability to be there but consider this my handshake.

EDWARD G. ROBINSON.

I certainly had no notion or idea that this organization had any Communist tinge to it. I didn't give my name as a sponsor, however.

Mr. RUSSELL. According to a letterhead of Congress of American-Soviet Friendship, dated October 27, 1942, your name, Edward G. Robinson, was listed as a patron. Do you recall having been a patron of the Congress of American-Soviet Friendship?

Mr. ROBINSON. Is that October 1942?

Mr. RUSSELL. Yes.

Mr. ROBINSON. I have the invitation, a night letter from New York dated October 1, 1942, and addressed to me at 910 Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif.

The Congress of American-Soviet Friendship of which Hon. Joseph E. Davies is honorary chairman will be held New York City November 7 and 8 for the purpose of promoting better understanding and cooperation between two great peoples who are fighting together to win the war and the peace. Mr. Davies invites you to be one of the patrons of this congress among whom are Secretary and Mrs. Cordell Hull, Secretary and Mrs. Jesse Jones, Senators Pepper, Guffey, McKellar, Governor and Mrs. Paul V. McNutt, Allen Wardwell, Dorothy Thompson, Philip Murray, and other Government and public leaders. Wire reply Congress of American-Soviet Friendship, 475 Fifth Avenue, New York.

ALICE BARROWS, Director.

Here is my answer:

In answer to your telegram of October 1, 1942 happy and honored to have my name included in that of patrons of the Congress of American-Soviet Friendship.

At that time I didn't know that this organization was a Communist front or that it would develop into anything of that kind. I was purely concerned with Russia as an ally, as I had been concerned with our other allies.

Mr. RUSSELL. According to the Daily Worker of November 21, 1944, page 11, you, Edward G. Robinson, sent greetings to the American-Soviet Friendship rally. Do you recall having sent such greeting?

Mr. ROBINSON. To begin with, I should like to state unequivocally that I have never had anything to do with the Daily Worker. To my knowledge I have never even seen a copy of that newspaper in my life.

Here is a letter dated January 13, 1944, on the letterhead of the Los Angeles Council of American Soviet Friendship, 514-16 Broadway Arcade Building, 342 South Broadway, Los Angeles 13, Calif., reading as follows:

Mr. Edward G. Robinson,  
910 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif.

Dear Mr. Robinson: On March 8 women of the Soviet Union celebrate their annual women's day. For this celebration our women's committee is anxious to transmit recorded greetings from outstanding Americans to show our appreciation of the magnificent courage the women of the Soviet Union have displayed in the struggle against nazism.

We hope very much that you would be willing to make a brief recording of a greeting, preferably in your own words, but we would be glad to supply a text if you prefer it. This recording is to be in New York by the end of January in

order to reach the Soviet Union in time. So may we get in touch with you in the course of the next few days to arrange a convenient time for the making of a record?

Cordially

THOMAS L. HARRIS,  
Executive Director.

To which I replied:

JANUARY 13, 1944.

MR. THOMAS L. HARRIS,  
Executive Director of Los Angeles Council of American Soviet Friendship,  
814 Broadway Arcade Building, 512 South Broadway,  
Los Angeles 13, Calif.

DEAR MR. HARRIS: In reply to your letter of January 13, 1944, I am happy to make the recording suggested.

Please get in touch with me by telephone (CR 4-5115) in order to make necessary arrangements.

With best wishes, I am,  
Very sincerely yours,

And I probably made a recording at that time. I was just learning Russian, and I probably made it in Russian. It was solicited also by the Office of War Information. In 1944 Russia was our ally.

Again, I had no knowledge that eventually that would turn out to be a Communist-front organization rather than just an American-Soviet friendship organization.

Mr. ROBINSON: Have you ever contributed to the magazine Soviet Russia Today?

Mr. ROBINSON: I don't recall contributing, but it is possible, in this way: I happened to find a copy of Soviet Russia Today in gathering this data, and it must have been something of this nature.

My name, I find, appears among the list of patrons in the December 1942 issue. You will find all sorts of tributes to the Russian Army in 1942.

I find a letter dated February 18, 1943, from Jessica Smith, editor of Soviet Russia Today, addressed to me at Beverly Hills, Calif., reading as follows:

MR. DEAR MR. ROBINSON: Thank you so much for your letter. I should be most happy to have for publication in the next issue of our magazine a copy of the address on the Red Army of which you had a recording made to be sent to Moscow, if you will be good enough to send me a copy. Meantime, we shall quote the statement in your letter at the dinner itself.

To which I replied on February 26, 1943, as follows:

SOVIET RUSSIA TODAY,  
114 East Thirty-second Street, New York, N. Y.

GENTLEMEN: In reply to your letter of February 15, 1943, and in compliance with request contained therein, please find enclosed copy of recording made recently by me, which has been or will be sent to Moscow.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely yours,

This is even more interesting. This is the preceding letter. You see, there was a dinner celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Red Army sponsored by them on Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1943, 7 p. m., at the Hotel Commodore, New York, at which Vilhjalmur Stefansson was presiding. Tributes to the fighting forces of our Soviet ally were to be made by Hon. Joseph E. Davies, Hon. Elbert D. Thomas, Mr. A. F. Whitney, Capt. Sergei N. Kournakoff, and others to be announced; with responses from Rear Admiral Akulin and Major Barayev.

This dinner was under the auspices of the magazine Soviet Russia Today, and it would be interesting to put in the record who the sponsors were at that particular time.

(The sponsors referred to by the witness were listed as follows:)

Louis Adamic	George Marshall
Allee P. Harrows	Dr. Daniel L. Marsh
Hon. William L. Burt	Frank N. Martin
William Rose Benet	Edgar Lee Masters
Louis Brandeis	Prof. Kirtley S. Mather
Pearl S. Buck	Harriet L. Moore
Dr. Hugh Cabot	Bishop Arthur W. Moulton
Dr. Walter B. Cannon	Senator James E. Murray
Hon. Oscar Chapman	Philip Muzey
Joseph Curran	Eugene O'Neill
Prof. Albert Einstein	Senator Claude Pepper
Dr. Frederick May	Prof. Ralph Barton Perry
Prof. Henry Pratt Fairchild	Prof. Arthur Upham Pope
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Folke	Jacob Potofsky
Dean Christian Gauss	Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.
Dr. Frank P. Graham	Paul Robeson
John Green	Col. Raymond Robins
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D. A. Knight	Mary Van Kleeck
Leo Krzycki	Margaret Webster
Coriss Lament	Albert Rhys Williams
Prof. Gilbert N. Lewis	Lin Yutang
Maurice Meltzineck	J. J. Zurebal
Thomas Mann	Vladimir K. Zworykin

Mr. Robinson: This is a letter dated January 29, 1943, again from Jessica Smith, Soviet Russia Today, 114 East Thirty-Second Street, New York:

My Dear Mr. Robinson: We are very grateful to you for accepting our invitation to be a sponsor of our dinner in honor of the Red army.

I am enclosing herewith an invitation and registration card. We are holding a group of tables for our sponsors, and do hope that you can arrange to be present. If so, we should appreciate receiving reservations for yourself and any friends you care to bring as soon as possible.

We are issuing a special Red army number of Soviet Russia Today which we expect to have ready in time for the dinner. We are requesting tributes to the Red army by prominent Americans for publication in this issue. We should like very much to have a tribute from you both for publication in the magazine, and for inclusion in a reading of tributes that will be a part of the dinner program. We should appreciate receiving any tribute you care to write by February 5, or February 8 at the latest.

Thanking you for your cooperation,

Sincerely yours,

Jessica Smith.

Then I answered on February 13, 1943:

MY DEAR Miss Smith: I have your letter of January 29 which I read with a great deal of interest. I regret that I will be unable to accept your very honored invitation to attend the dinner celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Red army to be held on Monday, February 22 at the Hotel Commodore. It would be a distinguished pleasure to be a participant in a celebration so deserved to honor our comrades in arms.

"Last Friday I made a recording of an address to be broadcast from Moscow—a word of tribute to the Red army. I have been taking up Russian during these last several months, so fortunately, I was able to talk in Russian—I hope I am understood.

You ask another tribute from me for publication in Soviet Russia Today. Maybe you can use my address, or such excerpts from it, as you choose. If not, just say for me—Only the historians of tomorrow will be able to appraise the courage, valor, and achievements of the Red Army of today.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

EDWARD G. ROBINSON.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Robinson, during the first part of this hearing I asked you a question regarding an article or a greeting which appeared in the magazine Volunteer for Liberty, the November 1943 issue, page 3 which was issued by the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. I show you the issue of Volunteer for Liberty mentioned and ask if you can recall ever having written such a letter or having sent such a greeting?

Mr. ROBINSON. To the best of my knowledge I cannot recall ever having sent a letter to the Abraham Lincoln Brigade at this time or at any particular time. I don't find anything of this nature in my files, and I would welcome an investigation for my own good purposes regarding the truth of it. Also, my record of contributions will show that at no time have I made any contribution to the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. I have heard of the organization, the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, but at no time have I ever had any association with them, to the best of my knowledge.

This letter does not coincide with the times. I am quoted as saying:

Let us hope that the fight which these heroes started will free Spain of fascism and that free peoples will establish a lasting peace, inspired by those who gave their lives with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

This article appeared in November 1940. But I don't know that they ever had such a greeting from me at any time.

I notice that Mr. Leves is also quoted as greeting the Abraham Lincoln Brigade on its tenth anniversary, but I should like to have it to Mr. Leves to answer that.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Robinson, an undated letterhead of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born lists you as a sponsor. The letter itself summarizes the work of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born during the year 1943. Do you recall any association with the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born?

Mr. ROBINSON. I was invited to be a sponsor and speaker at the United Nations dinner of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born on April 17, 1943. Being foreign-born myself, and noting the dinner was intended to hail outstanding Americans of foreign birth, I accepted. With William Allen White and Dorothy Thompson as fellow speakers, I felt like anyone else would, namely, that I was in good company.

My speech had no political aspects. I can be epitomized by quoting one single sentence: "The composite blood of the whole human race flows in the veins of this (American) people, the blood of every race, every nation, and every people in the world."

I was not a member of this organization, but in 1943 I contributed \$100, and in 1944, \$10, and allowed my name to be used as a sponsor.

What I thought to be the sole interest of the committee is reflected in a telegram I sent when the organization requested a message: "America United," I wired, "means minorities united against Hitler, Himmler, and Goering, and a victory expressing the tradition of Jefferson, Lincoln, and Roosevelt. Minorities united for America mean a free nation, cooperating with other free nations for a free world, free from fascism."

That telegram reflects my thinking; and I had no further connection with the committee after June 1944.

Mr. Russell. The program and call for a conference of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, October 25 and 26, 1947, lists you as a sponsor of the national conference. Do you recall whether or not you did sponsor the national conference of that organization?

Mr. Robinson. I could not have been a sponsor of it, because my association with that organization ceased in 1944. If they used my name as a sponsor in 1947, it was utterly unknown to me and without my consent.

Mr. Russell. According to the national board report to the second national convention, June 13-17, 1946, page 13, the name Edward G. Robinson appears as a participant in a welcome home Joe d'inner, under the sponsorship of American Youth for Democracy.

Mr. Robinson. I had been asked on numerous occasions to become active in the American Youth for Democracy, and each time I refused to undertake the responsibility or respond to the invitation.

In 1946 I was asked to make a 2-minute address at a dinner giving an award to Mauldin and here is the speech. I don't recall whether that was made at the dinner, or whether I had made a recording, or whether it was broadcast. I don't exactly recall. I don't believe I was at the dinner. I believe I was asked to make a recording.

(The speech referred to and submitted by the witness is as follows:)

WELCOME HOME, JOE, DINNER

## SECOND ANNUAL SALUTE TO YOUNG AMERICA

Arranged by American Youth for Democracy, 150 Nassau Street, Room 412, New York, N. Y.

SUGGESTED COPY FOR EDWARD G. ROBINSON'S AWARD TO MAULDIN TO RUN 2 MINUTES

Every once in a while an artist comes along who not only does a job supremely well, but who himself symbolizes in the rest of us the heart of that job. When this happens, we with our hearts—even more than with our minds—know how completely he has succeeded in saying what he has to say. We know it because our response is so keen, because our understanding becomes so deep.

And this is how people got to feel about your "Willie and Joe" cartoons, Sgt. William Henry—Bill—Mauldin. Over the 4 years of war you built up their impact until they were hitting us harder, and harder—and harder. You made us see exactly what you wanted us to see—the millions of infantrymen sweating it out, fighting it out in the front lines. You made us know the cold and the grime and the fear with which our boys were living; you showed us the gripings and the strength, the courage and the great humanity of our Army. So that we really knew what those at the front were doing for the rest of us.

And what is perhaps still more important, you helped the GI's know themselves better—so that they could crack jokes again at their own expense when the going got tough, and believe in themselves when it got tougher; and that's what is known as a first-rate contribution to morale.

For your immortalizing of our GI Joe; for your championing of him as he is, without sentimentality or false glamour; for your own courage to which your Purple Heart bears tribute; for your understanding of what this war was about and your grim young determination to help prevent another war—it gives me great pleasure to present to you this award on behalf of the Welcome Home, Joe, Committee, on the occasion of the second anniversary of American Youth for Democracy.

Mr. ROBINSON. On three successive occasions, beginning December 1943, again in June 1944, and November 1944, I received letters of solicitation from the American Youth for Democracy which outlined the motives and purposes of this organization as being "to unite the efforts of all young people who want to help win victory over fascism and build for a just and lasting peace."

These letters also purported that the program and activities were to be devoted to uniting and strengthening the home front and giving full support to our Commander in Chief, President Roosevelt.

On the basis of these solicitations, I responded in each instance, but declined any active participation. In my first letter of declination, of December 6, 1943, I included this paragraph:

I was amazed at the scope and vitality of your work, and I must say you are engaged in a most commendable and constructive endeavor.

In the subsequent letters of declination I also made some comment about the worth-while activity in which this organization was ostensibly engaged. This was the extent of my so-called participation in the American Youth for Democracy.

Three years after the first request, I was rather surprised to receive, in February 1946, a letter signed by Emmett Burke, chairman, boy life committee, New York Knights of Columbus, alluding to an endorsement of this program which was published by the American Youth for Democracy. Looking through my correspondence, I found that the paragraph above-quoted, taken from my first letter of declination, was lifted out of context and apparently used for this purpose without my knowledge or authorization. I responded to Mr. Burke accordingly and explained just how this event probably came about. In the conclusion of my letter to Mr. Burke, I stated, "I reiterate, I love America."

Mr. ROBERT. Mr. Robinson, I have asked you questions regarding the principal Communist fronts listed in our records, that is, the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, American Youth for Democracy, and the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, as well as the publication Soviet Russia Today. I might state that there are several other organizations, such as:

The Hollywood Democratic Committee, which lists you as a candidate for the executive board, according to the ballot of July 28, 1944. The Hollywood Democratic Committee has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its report of 1948, which states:

This Communist front grew out of a series of fronts designed to destroy Hollywood's innocence in the motion-picture industry.

Do you recall associating with that organization in any capacity?

Mr. ROBINSON. The five political organizations to which I belonged were: Hollywood Democratic Committee; National Citizens Political Action Committee; Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee for



the Arts, Sciences, and Professions (HICCASP); Independent Citizens Committee for the Arts, Sciences and Professions; and Progressive Citizens of America. Regarding these five political organizations, they succeeded each other and in some instances overlapped. All of them supported Franklin D. Roosevelt, excepting those created after the President's death.

I was and still am a great admirer of the late Chief Executive. My own viewpoint on international affairs was in general agreement with that of F. D. R. expressed in the now historically famous speech in October 1937, at Chicago, when the President called for "quarantining of the aggressor."

Extremely conscious of the responsibilities of citizenship, including the right and obligation to vote, I participated actively and through contributions in political campaigns. In 1940, when the Communists opposed F. D. R. and maligned him as a warmonger, I served on the advisory committee of, and contributed to, the Hollywood for Roosevelt Committee, headed by Pat O'Brien.

I contributed to numerous organizations which conducted campaigns in behalf of the election or reelection of President Roosevelt and other Democratic candidates.

Regarding the Hollywood Democratic Committee, it supported the reelection of President Roosevelt in 1944. I was elected to the executive board of that organization, attended several meetings in that capacity, contributed funds, and appeared on the radio for that committee.

Among the members of the executive committee, whose loyalty is beyond question, were such stalwart Americans as Jesse Lasky, Emmett Lavery, Talbot Jennings, Sol Lesser, and J. K. Wallace.

In joining this and other groups, I was motivated by the highest principles and assumed the same of my fellow-members. They had given adequate proof that they desired the same result as I did, the reelection of Roosevelt.

In 1945 the Hollywood Democratic Committee was dissolved and succeeded by HICCASP.

The Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee for the Arts, Sciences, and Professions (HICCASP) was the local branch of the Independent Citizens Committee for the Arts, Sciences, and Professions.

Outstanding liberals like John Dewey, Dr. Alonzo Myers, participated in HICCASP with James Roosevelt as director of political organization and Harold Ickes as chairman of the executive committee. I permitted use of my name as an "initiating sponsor" because I desired Roosevelt's policy to be continued. Beyond lending my name as sponsor, my activity in connection with HICCASP consisted of support of a national fine arts bill, a national health bill, and participation in some broadcasts.

HICCASP had on its executive council such people as Charles Boyer and others of similar stature. I, too, served on the council, made small financial contributions to the committee, and participated in a skit at the Los Angeles Philharmonic Auditorium sponsored by HICCASP. In this skit a plea was made for unity among the Big Three to achieve real peace and to strengthen the United Nations which just then was born in San Francisco. By the end of 1948, I was no longer connected with it in any way.

The National Citizens Political Action Committee was organized in July 1944 by the CIO Political Action Committee under Sidney Hillman. The NCPAC was created to reelect President Roosevelt through marshaling independent voters. Though nominally non-partisan, the NCPAC supported almost entirely liberal Democrats and raised funds for the purchase of radio time and newspaper space in behalf of these candidates.

Dominant among NCPAC leadership were such figures as Sidney Hillman, A. F. Whitney, Gifford Pinchot, Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, Bishop Bright, and Mrs. Edward Warburg.

I contributed to the NCPAC and granted the use of my name as a member of NCPAC's national council, though I did not participate in any of its meetings, all of which were held in the East.

By the end of 1946, NCPAC was dissolved and merged, along with ICCASF into the Progressive Citizens of America, PCA.

When one political action group was dissolved and succeeded by another, the membership was taken over, almost in toto, by the succeeding organization. It followed, therefore, that earlier membership in the Hollywood Democratic Committee led to automatic membership in ICCASF, and membership in NCPAC to later association with PCA.

The Progressive Citizens of America (PCA) came into being on December 20, 1946. I participated as an initiating sponsor of PCA's Los Angeles chapter, February 11, 1947, and contributed toward the expense of the initial meeting. The purpose of PCA was to aid in the campaign for the election of Democratic candidates to Congress.

In cosponsoring the Los Angeles meeting, I found myself in the company of such vigorous and outspoken anti-Communists as Jack Kroll, CIO political action chief; A. J. Whitney; and Bishop Bright. Officers of national PCA were such active opponents of communism as Philip Murray, Fiorello LaGuardia, and A. F. Whitney, all of them serving as vice chairmen.

I was listed among the 133 names on the ballot for the Los Angeles PCA chapter executive committee. Listed as candidates also were Irving DeShetler, now head of the CIO in Los Angeles, Mrs. Sumner Spaulding, head of the Community Chest and YWCA, and others whose patriotism is beyond question.

I made several contributions to PCA, the last one on May 19, 1947, and since then I have had nothing further to do with the organization.

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Robinson, you expressed a desire to be faced with any and all evidence that we may have regarding your alleged Communist-front participation, as well as Communist Party membership.

Mr. ROBINSON. That is right.

Mr. OWENS. I will read to you this paragraph from the transcript of the Judith Coplan trial:

On July 18, 1947, confidential informant ND 402 advised Special Agents William J. McCarthy and Daniel F. Garde that Lionel Berman, head of the cultural committee of the Communist Party, has been successful in using well-known Hollywood personalities to further Communist Party aims, Fredric March being one of the persons who came under his influence. The informant further advised that he was satisfied the subject, who is active in the Communist infiltration of the motion-picture industry, is a Communist Party member along with Edward G. Robinson, Paul Robeson, Dorothy Parker, Donald Ogden

Stewart, Ruth McKinney, Albert Maltz, Alvah Bessie, Dalton Trumbo, Milton Brand, and Michael Blankfort.

Are you acquainted with Lionel Berman?

Mr. ROBINSON. No, I don't know Berman. To my knowledge I never met Lionel Berman. I think it is nothing but a vicious lie, and I should like to be confronted with ND 402.

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Robinson, in your experience in Hollywood, have you ever been approached or talked to about communism, or becoming a Communist?

Mr. ROBINSON. In all my experience in Hollywood or any place, in all of my life, I have never been approached by anybody to join the Communist Party, nor have I heard anyone propagate any communistic ideas in my presence. I have never had anyone come to me and say, "I am a Communist."

Mr. OWENS. Do you know any Communists?

Mr. ROBINSON. No, I don't know of any Communists among my friends or acquaintances.

Mr. OWENS. And you have never attended a meeting of any kind that you had reason to believe Communists were sponsoring or were attending?

Mr. ROBINSON. I never attended a meeting that had communistic sponsorship.

Mr. OWENS. Are you acquainted with Paul Robeson?

Mr. ROBINSON. Yes.

Mr. OWENS. What is the nature of your acquaintance with him?

Mr. ROBINSON. I know him as an artist.

Mr. OWENS. Do you have any knowledge regarding his Communist Party affiliations or his Communist-front affiliations?

Mr. ROBINSON. No. I only know what I read about that.

Mr. OWENS. Are you acquainted with Dorothy Parker?

Mr. ROBINSON. Yes, I am.

Mr. OWENS. What is the nature of your acquaintance with her?

Mr. ROBINSON. Just as a friend and in the arts, and socially on occasions.

Mr. OWENS. Do you have any knowledge of her alleged Communist affiliations?

Mr. ROBINSON. No.

Mr. OWENS. Do you know Donald Ogden Stewart?

Mr. ROBINSON. Yes. I have known him for years. I haven't seen him for years. The last time I saw him was at a dinner of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. I believe that was in 1943.

Mr. OWENS. Do you have any knowledge of his alleged Communist affiliations?

Mr. ROBINSON. No.

Mr. OWENS. Are you acquainted with Ruth McKinnery?

Mr. ROBINSON. No.

Mr. OWENS. Are you acquainted with Albert Maltz?

Mr. ROBINSON. Yes. I did a picture that he wrote part of, The Red House.

Mr. OWENS. Do you have any personal knowledge as to his alleged Communist affiliations?

Mr. ROBINSON. No.

Mr. WHEELER. Are you acquainted with the Committee for the First Amendment?

Mr. ROBINSON. Yes.

Mr. WHEELER. Were you ever a member of that committee?

Mr. ROBINSON. Yes.

Mr. WHEELER. Will you explain to the committee the reason that committee was formed?

Mr. ROBINSON. The committee was formed for freedom of speech, freedom of thought, freedom of expression. I had been at that particular time accused of subversive activities, and I knew how unjust these accusations were, and I said to myself, but for the grace of a subpoena, I might have been one of the 23, because at one time it was stated that Charlie Chaplin and I would be the first to receive subpoenas. So naturally they had my sympathies, and I gave them money, and I appeared for a broadcast featuring this particular hearing.

After the men were investigated, or in the process of investigation, after I listened to two or three broadcasts and the way the whole thing was being conducted as far as the men were concerned, I completely lost my sympathy, because I realized that I might have been one of the 23 taken in by the kind of pattern they used in defending themselves.

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Robinson, do you have in your possession, or among your files, a letter which expresses your own evaluation of the charges which have been made against you at various times?

Mr. ROBINSON. I have here a letter written during the month of May 1947 to William Randolph Hearst, San Simon, Calif., with regard to an invitation that I had received from the Chicago Herald-American to appear at I Am An American Day. On the day following my acceptance I was notified that I was not acceptable to the management of the paper. I sensed that it was because of the nasty rumors as to my Americanism, and I thought it best to write a letter to William Randolph Hearst expressing my beliefs and my convictions and my stand regarding the occasion. I should like to insert this letter into the record.

(The letter above referred to and submitted by the witness is as follows:)

My Dear Mr. Hearst: This week I had an experience involving the Chicago Herald-American which I feel should be brought to your attention.

A representative of the paper came to Hollywood to arrange for the appearance of a number of motion-picture personalities at I Am An American Day in Chicago and called upon a mutual friend to ask for my attendance. As you know, I am vitally interested in such occasions, have taken part in them before, and sincerely believe in them. The paper's representative assured our mutual friend that my presence was desired and I made arrangements to fly to Chicago especially for the occasion, returning to my work here immediately following the ceremony.

However, the following day I was notified that I was "not acceptable" to the management of the paper.

Now, I know, Mr. Hearst, that I have been accused by nasty rumors because of my support of President Roosevelt, but I am sure that such support is no more a reflection on my patriotism than my campaigning for you when you ran against McClellan for mayor of New York some 36 years ago.

As a matter of fact, this early interest in politics on my part was something of a turning point in my career. I was an immigrant boy in green pants, having arrived in this country only 3 years before. You represented to me all that my father sought when he brought his family of six children to this country from Rumania. I began making speeches on street corners on the East Side and I guess that about the biggest thing that ever happened to me was a call I got from your headquarters in the Hermitage asking if I would speak in other parts of New York. As a matter of fact, the first automobile in which I ever rode was the car sent for

me by your campaign headquarters and my first appearance on Broadway was in the amateurish role of a campaign orator.

I had read every one of Brisbane's editorials and I am sure no one was more bitterly opposed to Boss Murphy than was I. I was a liberal in those days as I like to feel I am a liberal today. I was opposed to Boss Murphy in the same sense that I am opposed to any and all forms of tyranny and dictatorship today—regardless of what "ism" might attach itself to that tyranny or dictatorship. I believed then as I do today that every man should have a religion and that it should be his right to choose that religion; that every man should have the right to speak and think freely within the framework of our American Constitution; that there is nothing subversive or un-American in differing from one's fellow men on such matters as personalities and policies which make up our American form of Government. And for the record, let me state that I think it is the finest form of government yet devised by man and I intend to support it with all the means at my command.

I served in the Navy in World War I. I went to England in World War II and spent several weeks there during the "blitz" as an accredited officer of OWI. I was the first Hollywood actor to follow the troops into Normandy. It was my privilege to inaugurate one of the USO drives with a contribution of \$100,000. My wife distinguished herself by her work with the "Desert Hattabon" when morale building was such an important factor in those troops being trained in the far West. All of these contributions were considered but little down payments for the privilege of being Americans.

I have been cited by the Government, the American Legion, and many other patriotic organizations on numerous occasions. I look upon these citations merely as confirmation and assurance of my own belief in America and I am brimfully proud that I am an American. I cite these factors, Mr. Hearst, merely for your information as I am sure there is not a great deal of difference between us in our regard for the fundamentals of Americanism. We may follow different political parties at the moment. We may have a healthy respect for different political leaders and we may condemn different practices which have grown up under our system of democratic government, but I am sure there can be no disagreement between us on the principal issue—our belief in the American form of government as set up in our Constitution.

I am sorry that my unpleasant experiences in connection with such a fine institution as I am an American Day necessitated my bringing this matter to your attention and I hope that it will make for a better understanding all around.

Respectfully yours,

Mr. Russell. As a result of that letter to Mr. Hearst, did you receive any further communications from anyone connected with his organization?

Mr. Robinson. Yes. Here is a telegram dated May 16, 1947.  
(The telegram above referred to and submitted by the witness is as follows:)

Chicago, Ill., May 16, 1947.

HOWARD MAYER,  
3351 Hollywood, Los Angeles, Calif.:

Please offer my apologies to Mr. Robinson for what has been an unfortunate misunderstanding. I did not understand that Mr. Robinson was available or we would certainly have had him on the list. To say that he is unacceptable is ridiculous. I hope you can induce him to come.

Regards,

H. R. WALT.

Mr. Robinson. I also have a letter dated May 21, 1947, from Roy Topper, of the Chicago Herald-American.

(The letter above referred to and submitted by the witness is as follows:)

CHICAGO HERALD-AMERICAN,  
Chicago 6, Ill., May 21, 1947.

EDWARD G. ROBINSON,  
Care of Howard Mayer, 3351 Hollywood Boulevard,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

DEAR EDWARD: Perhaps words will not be able to express my great appreciation to you for your gracious acceptance to appear at the Herald-American I Am an American Day at the Chicago Stadium.

Your message touched the hearts of everyone in the stadium and today the reaction is one of overwhelming enthusiasm.

I know you are blaming me for the mix-up in your transportation at the airport. This I accept. With all of the confusion that went with the show, I was specifically told by Mr. Borke, of the airlines, that your transportation was ready and waiting for you. This was an unfortunate occurrence.

I will be in California shortly and if you will grant me the opportunity of just sitting down and talking with you and perhaps explaining a little further, many of the things which were not clear to you will be enlightened for both of us.

In regard to your address, I personally appreciated your deep feelings and want you to believe me sincerely when I say that if there were more men like you in your profession with as wise and liberal an attitude toward people, it would be a far greater industry.

On behalf of the executives of this organization kindly accept our most heartfelt appreciation for your appearance at our show.

With warmest regards to you and your family, I am,

Sincerely,

ROY TORREN.

Mr. Russell. Mr. Robinson, in a statement which you have submitted to the committee, you mentioned certain individuals as having been connected with the Progressive Citizens of America who, I believe, are associated with the Political Action Committee rather than the Progressive Citizens of America. I would therefore like to ask you whether you supported Henry Wallace in his candidacy for President of the United States. I have to ask this question in order to clarify the record, inasmuch as it appears you confuse Progressive Citizens of America with the Political Action Committee.

Mr. Robinson. My last contribution to any political organization was in 1947. According to my records, February 10, 1947, Progressive Citizens of California got \$200. I did not give any money to the Wallace campaign for the Presidency. I never made any broadcasts, nor did I appear on the platform with him.

Mr. Russell. I gather from the statement you submitted to the committee you were under the impression Progressive Citizens of America was part of the Political Action Committee, because you mentioned certain labor leaders affiliated with the Political Action Committee who, as far as I know, were not associated with Progressive Citizens of America.

Mr. Robinson. If there are any mistakes about that, I am not an analyst or statistician. I depended on a man who got all of this data for me. I don't know much about the history of these organizations.

I am prepared to submit myself for further examination at any time to establish unequivocally that I am not now and never have been a member of the Communist Party or any subversive group or a fellow-traveler. I find, and always have found, communism repugnant to my beliefs. I will fight it as an individual and as an artist, whenever and wherever possible, just as I have always fought tyranny.

Mr. Russell. I might state for the record that the name Edward G. Robinson is not contained in a list of names furnished the committee by Louis Budenz.

(Thereupon, at 2:20 p. m., the hearing was concluded.)

(Note: The following material was submitted to the Committee to be included in the record.)

## COPY OF BROADCAST MADE BY EDWARD G. ROBINSON FOR "VOICE OF AMERICA," OCTOBER 23, 1950, IN NEW YORK CITY, TO THE ROMANIAN PEOPLE

(Draft of message, English translation)

For some time I've been thinking of addressing a few words to the Romanian public. Like millions of others in the free world, I too have seen with deep sorrow the tragic enslavement of Rumania by a foreign power which broke so many beautiful promises. As one of the very few American actors of Rumanian origin, I was deeply impressed by the tragedy of the arts in Rumania. I've heard how the Communist regime is humiliating the Rumanian artists, those of the theatre, the movies, the plastic arts, and the musical arts, forcing them to repudiate their past splendid achievements and to admit that from now on, they have to learn everything from the Russians.

But the world knows that Rumania has distinguished herself, in the past, in the cultural fields as well as in other fields, through remarkable achievements and has given talented creations without the benefit of Soviet lessons.

The Communist rulers are at cutting Rumania's ties with the Western world, at enslaving the soul and the culture of the Rumanian people, exactly as they have done with its political and economic institutions. This is why they have forbidden Rumania's contacts with other countries, with the exception of those chained together within the Cominform. This is why the Rumanian public can no longer read French, British, or American books or magazines. This is why one can no longer see, in Rumania, American motion pictures. This is why the progress of Rumanian visual arts has been stopped, with painters and sculptors now being forced to become mere propaganda agents, depicting in the most elementary and most unartistic manner, the work of enslavement which the representatives of the Cominform are carrying out in Rumania. This is why, today, in Rumania, theatre and literature grope under the chains of Communist directives, authors and actors can only sing the glories of Stalinism and the public is forced to accept this sinister parody as culture and even as the "most advanced" in the world.

We here in America know all this. We know that behind this red facade, the spirit of authentic Rumanian culture is alive. We know that the artists of Rumanian culture are waiting only for the moment of liberation in order to stamp upon their creations the mark of the true Rumanian spirit and thereby to give expression to the noble aspirations of the Rumanian people.

This is what I wanted to tell the Romanians, so that they may know that during these trying times, they have good friends everywhere and have not been forgotten by them, nor will they be.

## TRANSCRIPT OF VOICE OF AMERICA BROADCAST IN WHICH EDWARD G. ROBINSON PLAYED THE PART OF MOLOTOV

News Section

DRAMATIC ENTRY

POLITICAL CARTOON #28  
(Prague Communiqué: German Re-Armament)  
H. Maler

OCTOBER 23, 1950.

REPRESENTING VIATCHESLAV MOLOTOV

ANNOUNCER: On October 21, the seven satellite countries met in Prague under Deputy Premier Vyacheslav Molotov of the Soviet Union. Molotov advanced four points, all dealing with Germany, all—naturally—accepted by the satellites. The four points are a new Soviet masterpiece in confusion. The blind assumption that the world will take the Soviet Union's proposals and so-called peace plans at face value is colossal impudence on the part of Mr. Molotov. But, nevertheless, well content with his new gambit of confusion, Mr. Molotov went to sleep that night, his door guarded as usual by two MYD men. For, despite the fact that the people of Czechoslovakia are now all peace-loving Communists, Mr. Molotov insists on taking the same precautions abroad that he

takes at home. . . . His glasses are on the side table, next to the glass of water. He turns to his sleep and smiles. . . . the curtains at the window flutter . . .

MUSIC: A Singsonging KERIE FRENCH . . . OUT OF CRY  
A shadow seems to fall across the floor. . . . Someone, something has entered the bedroom. . . . slowly a ghostlike figure takes shape. . . . It is a ghost! A tall, emaciated ghost with a monocle in one eye and a bottle of champagne in his hand. . . . He leans over the bed. . . . (MUSIC OUT)

RIBBENTROP: Wake up, old comrade, wake up. . . .  
MOLOTOV: (AWAKENING) Heh! . . . What? . . . Who is it? . . .  
RIBBENTROP: It's me—Ribbentrop. Sit up and have a glass of champagne.  
MOLOTOV: Champagne? Ribbentrop? (UP) Guards! Guards!  
RIBBENTROP: Shhh! No one's going to harm you. I'm just here to talk over old times. Have some champagne.

MOLOTOV: But it can't be you, you're—  
RIBBENTROP: Dead. Exactly. And an ugly death, too. The rope. I asked for you as a witness, but—

MOLOTOV: I was busy.  
RIBBENTROP: My dear friend I understand; I've been busy in my life. Remember 1939 . . . ah, those were the days. You were wonderful, Vyacheslav, wonderful—actually conferring with the British while making the pact with me. A stroke of genius.

MOLOTOV: It was nothing. I was younger. And looking back, it seems we were a little abrupt. The whole world saw what we were doing. Nothing so outright could happen today. We no longer have to partition. We take everything. And say we took nothing. And we have the actual words so confused by now, that no one can accuse us of anything. Ah, Ribbentrop, I was young and inept then. But I have learned. . . . Think I will have a little champagne, now that you ask.

RIBBENTROP: Drink heartily, comrade; it's far superior to the brand I used to sell. . . . You know, I was listening to you yesterday when you were laying down the law to those jackals. . . .

MOLOTOV: In German Palace? I didn't see you. . . .  
RIBBENTROP: One doesn't see ghosts, unless the ghost wills it. I was sitting up on the rafters above your head. I must say you handled them well.

MOLOTOV: You mean the "peoples' democracies"—rubber stamps, my dear Ribbentrop, rubber stamps. . . .

RIBBENTROP: But they stamp better when you handle them directly. In Korea—you sort of let the rubber stamp operate by itself—and the ink didn't stick.

MOLOTOV: (Laughs.) That's good; very good. Is there any more champagne? Thanks, thanks very much. . . .

RIBBENTROP: Push 'em here, push them there; pressure here, then quick pressure there. Wear them down. I tried to make Hitler see how unavailing it could be done; but he was always a one for bullying ahead. A roarer, if you know what I mean. . . . Hitler's not so back—I must say, I don't quite understand what you're driving at here in Prague.

MOLOTOV: It's very simple, my dear Ribbentrop, very simple. We play all the strings at once. We play on the French fear of a rearméd Germany; the satellites hope, our own too, to get German goods. We offer to withdraw occupation troops—that's our prize—who can resist such an offer?

RIBBENTROP: Not the Germans—if I know them.

MOLOTOV: Not the whole world—they're sick for peace.

RIBBENTROP: But you don't mean it. . . .

MOLOTOV: Of course, we mean it. We withdraw our troops; they withdraw theirs.

RIBBENTROP: Ahhh . . . now I begin to see . . . they withdraw theirs 4,000 miles and you withdraw yours 40. (BOTH LAUGH) Clever, clever. . . . But at best you succeed only in neutralizing Germany.

MOLOTOV: Exactly. That's what we wish at this moment—a neutralized Germany—and free trade. Then the iron, steel, machinery, and goods of the Ruhr flow to the satellite countries and to us. . . . We take the pressure off a little. The world begins to breathe more easily. We build up vast stores; consolidate the satellites. . . . And then. . . .

RIBBENTROP: And then, what. . . .

MOLOTOV: More pressure, of course. What else?

RIBBENTROP: Well, for me it's a little too simple. You bank too much on the stupidity of the people of Europe. They're not that stupid.



Molotov: You're correct—not specifically that stupid. But remember, along with the lifting of the pressure goes a propaganda drive for peace the like of which the world has never seen. And peace—or rather a respite from the constant pressure—is something they desire so much, that they convince themselves.

Rosenbaum: Hmmmm . . . it might work. After all, I always said Goebbels was much too blunt . . . no subtlety. . . .

Molotov: Oh, this will be subtle all right.

Rosenbaum: And then there is one other factor—America. We stumbled up that one, and they seem on to your game.

Molotov: Yes, I admit America is the stumbling block . . . but I think we can handle her. In fact, the more earnestly she tries for a just peace, the more we can show her as blocking the road to peace, the more she arms to defend nations against aggression the more of a war-songer we can make of her. If she pours out money to the nations, she becomes an imperialist; if she fears Germany, she becomes a Nazi; if she feeds Yugoslavia, she becomes an agent provocateur; if she sends arms to Asia she becomes an imperialist colonizer. And all the while, we beat the drum for peace, louder and louder, and louder. . . .

Rosenbaum: Wonderful, my dear Vyacheslav, wonderful. If you can make noise enough, no one will see the gun in your hand. Let's drink to it!

Myra: CERTAIN.

## TESTIMONY OF EDWARD G. ROBINSON

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1950

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,  
Washington, D. C.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

A subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities met pursuant to call at 10:40 a. m. in room 226, Old House Office Building, Hon. Francis E. Walter presiding.

Committee members present: Representatives Francis E. Walter and Harold H. Velde.

Staff members present: Frank S. Tavenner, Jr., counsel; Louis J. Russell, senior investigator; Donald T. Appell, Courtney E. Owens, and James A. Andrews, investigators; and John W. Carrington, clerk.

Mr. Walter. Mr. Robinson, will you raise your right hand, please. Do you swear the testimony you are about to give shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. Robinson. I do.

Mr. Walter. Are you ready to proceed.

Mr. Russell. Yes.

Mr. Walter. Proceed.

### TESTIMONY OF EDWARD G. ROBINSON

Mr. Russell. Mr. Robinson, you appeared before the committee on Friday, October 27, 1950, did you not?

Mr. Robinson. Yes, sir.

Mr. Russell. At that time you were examined by certain members of the staff of the Committee on Un-American Activities, were you not?

Mr. Robinson. That is quite right.

Mr. Russell. The statement which you gave at that time, as well as certain questions which were asked you and answers given by you, were taken down by a stenographer, were they not?

Mr. Robinson. That is true.

Mr. Russell. Following the taking of that testimony, you executed an affidavit before a notary public in New York City, did you not?

Mr. Robinson. I did.

Mr. Russell. And that notarized affidavit set forth that to the best of your knowledge and belief the answers which you gave to certain questions propounded to you by the staff of this committee were true?

Mr. Robinson. It did, sir.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Robinson, you have taken an oath this morning?

Mr. ROBINSON. Yes.

Mr. RUSSELL. And I would like to ask you at this time whether or not all of the testimony which you gave on October 27, 1950 is true, to the best of your knowledge and belief?

Mr. ROBINSON. Yes. I would like to reiterate and reaffirm everything that is set down in the testimony which I presented on that particular date that you refer to.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Robinson, you appeared before this committee on October 27, 1950, at your own request, did you not?

Mr. ROBINSON. I did.

Mr. RUSSELL. In order to clarify the record, Mr. Chairman, I would like to state that a friend of mine, who is a former FBI agent, called me on the telephone and advised me that Edward G. Robinson was in town, and asked me if I would talk to Mr. Robinson regarding certain records which appeared in the files of this committee, and regarding certain testimony which had been taken regarding Mr. Robinson during the course of the committee's Hollywood investigation in October 1947.

Mr. VELDE. What was the date of that call you had from the former FBI agent?

Mr. RUSSELL. I believe it was the day before Mr. Robinson's appearance, October 26, 1950. I had previously worked with this agent on the subjects of communism, fascism, and nazism.

The staff agreed to talk to Mr. Robinson regarding his record, in keeping with the policy of the committee whereunder it has permitted persons whose names are listed in our files, and who have been the subject of testimony, to appear before the committee and give their version of the records and testimony contained in the committee's files.

Mr. ROBINSON. I have several more questions to ask you.

Are you acquainted with Louise Branstetter or Louise Berman?

Mr. ROBINSON. No, sir. I don't know either one of these people.

Mr. RUSSELL. They are one and the same person.

Mr. ROBINSON. I don't know that person.

Mr. VELDE. You might describe Louise Branstetter's background, where she lived, and so forth.

Mr. RUSSELL. She was born in San Francisco, Calif. Her name prior to her marriage was Rosenberg. At present she is married to one Lionel Berman and resides in New York City.

Mr. ROBINSON. Who is Lionel Berman?

Mr. RUSSELL. He is a member of the Cultural Committee of the Communist Party.

Mr. ROBINSON. The name doesn't mean a thing to me, to the best of my knowledge.

Mr. RUSSELL. Have you ever attended a Communist Party meeting of any type?

Mr. ROBINSON. Never in my life, or anything that smacked of communism.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Robinson, where do you live in Hollywood?

Mr. ROBINSON. I live at 910 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif.

Mr. RUSSELL. How long have you resided at that address?

Mr. ROBINSON. This is the eighteenth year I have lived at this particular address.

Mr. RUSSELL. Have you ever converted any part of the premises at 910 North Highland Drive into a Communist meeting place?

Mr. ROBINSON. God, no! I think I told you that I have never been a Communist sympathizer, and I never was active in anything that smacked of communism, and certainly that would preclude my doing anything of the kind, and if anyone gave you such information, I should like to face that particular person and ask him to repeat it under oath. It smacks of something somebody has known and has perverted. My mother, who is in her eighties, came to visit us, and she has a heart condition, and I took the butler's quarters and converted them into a beautiful apartment, because it was a question of either having her at my house or at the Beverly Hills Hotel, and my wife and I wanted her to be with us. So it is something that must have been perverted into this particularly vicious lie.

Mr. RUSSELL. Do you recall when the conversion of the butler's quarters was made?

Mr. ROBINSON. That must have been made about 12 or 13 years ago, and that would make it about 1937.

Mr. RUSSELL. Have you ever volunteered your services as an agent to the Soviet Government or to anyone attached to the Soviet Government?

Mr. ROBINSON. Never.

(See letter of explanation at end of testimony.)

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Robinson, have you ever made a statement to the effect that you did not care whether or not the Soviet Government took over the United States, as long as you would be permitted to keep your art collection?

Mr. ROBINSON. That is a vicious lie.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Robinson, has anyone ever asked you to join the Communist Party?

Mr. ROBINSON. No, sir. I believe you asked me that question during my first appearance.

Mr. RUSSELL. Has anyone ever asked you to contribute money directly to the Communist Party?

Mr. ROBINSON. Never.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Chairman, I ask that the testimony which Mr. Robinson gave on Friday, October 27, 1950, be made a part of the record of this hearing.

Mr. WALTER. It is so ordered.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Robinson, do you have any additional statement you would like to make? I have no further questions.

Mr. ROBINSON. I wish I could say it and say it well, but I feel that there is nothing that is much more important to me, gentlemen, than my good name, and there is nothing that I have been more proud of than of my Americanism.

In recent years my name has been besmirched and dragged through the mire by a lot of wicked, irresponsible people, by hearsay, gossip, innuendo, and unsubstantiated charges. They have hurt me immeasurably. They have hurt me because I value my good name and my Americanism above everything else I possess.

I have a wife whose family goes back to Valley Forge. In fact, that was their homestead. I have a boy who will soon be 18 years old and who is about to go in the Army. And there is nothing I have been more proud of and more careful of than my good name and my Americanism. That has been hurt by a lot of these vicious charges, and the repetition of them in a lot of irresponsible publications, and I felt that something ought to be done about it, and contrary to advice that had been given me, I felt I ought to come down to a legitimate agency of our Government that concerns itself with these particular problems, un-American activities, ferreting out all unpatriotic or disloyal acts to our Government, come to you and expose myself to you as I did. I brought my records for the past 10 years.

I took my records and the testimony I gave here and sent them to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, and wrote Mr. Hoover:

I have heretofore voluntarily appeared before the members of the staff of the Committee on Un-American Activities. I have insisted that my testimony be sworn to so as to be guilty of perjury if I am untruthful. I am enclosing herewith a signed copy of such testimony so that you may have it for your files and so that I may be subject to prosecution by the FBI if I am untruthful. I indicated to Mr. Louis Ruess that I would like to send this copy to you and he was in entire accord.

I also said to Mr. Hoover:

I would also be pleased to submit myself for your examination or cross-examination with regard to any and all of my prior activities and expose to you all of my life and my files in connection with any investigation you may see fit to make.

I have done this, and I have come to you to look for relief, because you are the only people who can do that. You are the only tribunal we have in the United States where an American citizen can come and ask for this kind of relief; and after you have looked over this rather exhaustive testimony that I have presented to the committee, if you should like any further information, just the same as I volunteered it to Mr. Hoover, I volunteer it to you; and if you find me innocent, I would like to ask that you give these facts to the American people, because my name is very dear to me, above everything else. I ask in all sincerity that you do this for me, because this is the most vital thing I have ever faced in my life.

I am sorry if I have become a little bit emotional.

Mr. WALTER. It is perfectly understandable.

Mr. ROBINSON. Because I think I have not only been a good citizen, I think I have been an extraordinarily good citizen, and I value this above everything else. I think I may have taken money under false pretenses in my own business, and I may not have been as good a husband or father or friend as I should have been, but I know my Americanism is unblemished and fine and wonderful, and I am proud of it, and I don't feel it is conceit on my part to say this, and I stand on my record or fall on it.

Mr. WALTER. I think it might be well for this committee to direct its attention to the charges that have been leveled against many artists. If there are in the theatrical business those who are trying to spread Communist doctrines, we should know it. If there are others who have been charged with that sort of activity and are innocent, that fact should be established as well. The first of the year I shall suggest that this committee direct its attention to ascertaining the truth or falsity of these charges.

Mr. ROBINSON. I hope that is what you will do. Either snap my neck or set me free. If you snap my neck I will still say I believe in America.

Mr. VELDE. Do you know of any Communist activities in the movie industry?

Mr. ROBINSON. Not that I know of. I have heard it spoken of and unquestionably there must be some of that going on. I don't see how Hollywood could be exclusive in that respect. But personally I don't know of such activities.

Mr. VELDE. As far as besmirching your character is concerned, everyone in public life—and I am sure Mr. Walter will agree with me—subjects himself to that to a considerable degree, and I know it is very vicious in many cases, and it is regrettable.

Mr. ROBINSON. I think you have been wonderful. I don't think you have done it. It has been done, and I come to you for relief from this sort of thing.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Chairman, I would like to further clarify the record, since there was some mystery as to the method used by the committee staff in examining Mr. Robinson. At the time of his appearance, no member of the committee was in town, because it was during the recess of Congress and during the campaign, and since Mr. Robinson had gone to the trouble of bringing all his records here, it seemed fair to examine him. Of course, I understand he also talked to other interested persons here in town, particularly Karl Baarslag of the American Legion.

It seems the record as to the investigation of Hollywood and the movie industry as well as the examination of Mr. Robinson has been somewhat questioned, and I would like to say I made an investigation in 1943 and submitted a 72-page report on my investigation. I have a list of the Communists and suspected Communists in Hollywood, and Mr. Robinson's name does not appear on that list. I have in my possession certain registration cards of members of the Communist Party who are now, or who have resided in Hollywood. I have none for Mr. Robinson.

I testified in 1947 regarding the Communist Party membership of certain individuals in the movie industry. I have no further information that I can question Mr. Robinson about. During the first examination of Mr. Robinson, the staff concentrated on his association with the major Communist-front organizations. One or two minor organizations might have been missed.

Mr. ROBINSON. Mr. Halperin has just asked me to call attention to certain facts. It is unfortunate to have to show your medals in a case like this, because there are certain things, you just do them; you don't exploit them.

He asked me to call attention to what I have been doing recently. I have been broadcasting for the Voice of America. I broadcast in six languages late in October for the Voice of America. During the last war I broadcast in nine languages for MOI and OWI in London. Also, if it weren't for the disastrous turn of events in Korea, I would be in Korea now. I was to go to Korea to appear before our boys, and all these trips have been canceled for technical reasons.

Only last week I did two broadcasts in Italian for the Voice of America, and I am scheduled to do a great many more.

I think that only follows the pattern of my life that has been set all these past years, and it is no different from what I have been doing in my past life.

Mr. WALTER. Thank you very much, Mr. Robinson.  
(Thereupon, the hearing was adjourned.)  
(Letter of clarification from Mr. Robinson.)

HON. FRANCIS E. WALTER,  
Committee on Un-American Activities,  
Beverly Hills, Calif., December 21, 1950.  
Washington, D. C.

HONORABLE SEN: Have received and read the testimony I gave before you on December 21, 1950, and particularly the following question and answer on page 6:  
"Mr. ROBINSON. Have you ever volunteered your services as an agent to the Soviet Government or to anyone attached to the Soviet Government?"  
"Mr. ROBINSON. Never."

Looking at the typewritten question and answer, I now believe that my answer should have been more complete, and I would like to amplify it to include the following statement:

In 1944 when I was about to go to London to perform in a motion picture for the Royal Air Force, I attended a party at the Russian consulate in Los Angeles. It was one of those well-attended gatherings that were common at that time, and tendered by the various consulates, British, French, Russian, etc., to which I was always being invited. I had attended several at the British consulate, some at the French consulate, and one or two at the Russian consulate. At this party I met with the Russian consul, V. V. Pantsov, and told him that I was going to leave shortly for London to make a picture for the R.A.F. and that after that I expected to go to the Pacific under the auspices of the Office of War Information of the United States Government. I suggested that it might be a good idea if while I was in the Pacific for U. S. A. that a trip to Russia be arranged for me so that I could carry a message from the American people to the Russian people in the same manner as I had previously appeared on behalf of the OWI in Great Britain and France. I told him that I could make this trip from the Pacific area under the auspices of the OWI, and very likely duplicate my prior successful trips in Great Britain and France. However, nothing came of the suggestion, and I never visited Russia or its satellites at that time or any other time although on various occasions since 1944 I have visited countries close to them.

I never at that time or any other time volunteered my services to the Soviet Government or any of its satellites as an agent or in any capacity. The suggestion referred to above was solely that I go to Russia on behalf of the United States Government through the Office of War Information in the same manner and perform the same services that I had been commended for in my trips to Great Britain and France.

I would like for this letter to be made part of my testimony, and if you desire to have me swear to the truth of this letter, I will be pleased to do so. If there are any questions you wish to ask about the information I have set forth, I will be pleased to appear before you again.

Respectfully yours,

EDWARD G. ROBINSON.

The foregoing was sworn to before me in the State of California, County of Los Angeles, this 29th day of December 1950.

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Notary Public in and for the County of Los Angeles.

My commission expires September 11, 1952.

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There is transmitted herewith for your information a summary of information appearing in the Bureau's files relative to Edward G. Robinson [redacted]

The Bureau desires that you immediately institute a discreet investigation of the activities of Edward [redacted] Robinson for the purpose of ascertaining whether they may be associated with the Soviet Secret Intelligence Service (SEVD). In connection with this investigation, [redacted]

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According to Who's Who in America, Edward G. Robinson was born in Bucharest, Roumania, December 12, 1893, the son of Morris and Sarah Goldenberg. He arrived in the United States in 1903 and was educated at the College of the City of New York, Columbia University and the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. He made his first professional appearance as an actor in "Paid in Full" in 1913. Robinson served in the United States Navy during World War I and according to Who's Who in America, with the Office of War Information in World War II. A biographical sketch of Robinson also appears in Who's Who in American Jewry.

Robinson has been closely associated with a number of Communist-dominated or infiltrated organizations. Robinson in conjunction with Melvyn Douglas and James Cagney presented an ambulance to the Loyalists during the Spanish Civil War. In 1937 he signed a wire to Lieutenant Governor Hatfield requesting a pardon for Tom Keady.

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b7C Robinson is known to be friendly with [redacted] a prominent Communist Party functionary in New York City. He is also friendly with [redacted] an individual closely associated with Soviet personnel who are allegedly engaged in activities in behalf of the Soviet Secret Intelligence Service (NKVD). Robinson recently submitted a letter of recommendation for the release of Samuel Paul Spiegel, a German Communist now held by the Immigration and Naturalization Service for deportation.

Robinson held a meeting at his home in Beverly Hills called by Melvyn Douglas, a movie actor and Communist Party sympathizer, at which a document known as "Declaration of Democratic Independence" was prepared. This document was directed to President Roosevelt and called for participation in the coming Congress for Peace and Democracy, a Communist-sponsored group.

Robinson was a guest at a dinner held at Ciro in Hollywood sponsored by the American Committee to Save Refugees, the Exiled Writers Committee and the United American Spanish Aid Committee on November 10, 1941. He was a sponsor for a speech by Paul Robeson in Beverly Hills, California, July 20, 1942, given under the auspices of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and the Council on African Affairs, Inc.

Robinson was a sponsor for the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee program held April 18 and 19, 1943 for the benefit of "European Refugee Children Now in Mexico."

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Robinson is a member of the Committee to Aid Russian Artists. He is a member of the Committee for War Posters, sponsored by the Hollywood Division of the Russian War Relief. He is also a member of the Russian War Relief Music Committee. He was a speaker on the "Tribute to Russia Today" program produced by Boris Morros in Los Angeles. He spoke at a Memorial Meeting March 9, 1943 in honor of the two million Jewish dead in Europe. He is a member of the Council of American Soviet Friendship and was a speaker at a Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee meeting held in Los Angeles in July of 1943.

Robinson was a patron of a program sponsored by the National Council of American Soviet Friendship in Los Angeles, commemorating the Tenth Anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and the USSR. He is a member of the Motion Picture Committee, of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship and was a sponsor of the Congress of American Soviet Friendship.

In December of 1943, he sent a telegram to the Senate Judiciary Committee urging the passage of the Anti-Poll Tax Bill. Robinson was a sponsor of the Fifth Congress for Peace and Democracy, a forerunner of the American Peace Mobilization, a Communist organization declared subversive by the Department of Justice.

During the visit of Solomon Michaels and Itzik Feffer, two Soviet representatives of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee to the United States during 1943, Robinson sat on the platform with them during their appearance in Los Angeles and spoke in English, Yiddish and Russian, stating, "The entire American people and the peoples of the Soviet Union have joined together in their hatred of Hitlerism. Let's resolve to remain together in love and humanity."

Robinson is a member and sponsor of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, a Communist-dominated group. At a meeting February 29, 1944 of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born at which they published a "Declaration on American Unity," Robinson condemned the Anti-Semitic, Anti-Negro and other prejudices of the American people.

Robinson was the master of ceremonies and introduced Vice President Wallace before the United Citizens Committee in Los Angeles on February 9, 1944. Many known Communists were present and,

A skit was given by the Hollywood Democratic Committee, a leading Communist front group in Hollywood which dealt with price subsidies, the Teheran Conference and the Anti-Poll Tax Bill. The skit was extremely critical of the Republican Party who were portrayed as pro-Fascists, and referred to the Soviet Union as the "Saviours of the World." Robinson in his introduction of Wallace stated that the meeting was a win-the-war gathering in honor of the Vice President and referred to Wallace as "The Champion of the Common Man."

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He was one of the individuals who sent congratulatory greetings to Paul Robeson, a known Communist on his 46th birthday, according to an article which appeared in the Daily Worker April 24, 1944. Other individuals who sent similar greetings to Robeson were Harry Bridges of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union and Sidney Hillman, the head of the CIO Political Action Committee. Robinson stated in his greeting, "In honoring Paul Robeson we honor everything we are fighting for."

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born sponsored a United Nations dinner at the Hotel Waldorf in New York on April 18, 1944, at which Robinson spoke, honoring the role of aliens in our present war effort. The master of ceremonies for this dinner was Donald Ogden Stewart, a known Communist, and many other known Communists appeared on the program.

Robinson was the individual selected to prepare the commentary in English to accompany several motion pictures produced in the USSR which have recently been released in the United States. These films glorify the Soviet people and the Soviet Army.

In an article in the Washington Times Herald June 13, 1944 it was stated that Edward G. Robinson was listed as worthy of the Order of Lenin for his part in the making of "Mission to Moscow" and "North Star", two moving pictures lauding the Soviet Government.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO :

THE DIRECTOR

FROM :

Mr. D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT :

EDWARD G. ROBINSON;  
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I felt that you would be interested in information recently developed relative to possible Communist and Soviet connections of Edward G. Robinson.  
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EDWARD G. ROBINSON

According to Who's Who in America, Edward G. Robinson was born in Bucharest, Roumania, December 12, 1893, the son of Morris and Sarah Goldenberg. He arrived in the United States in 1903 and was educated at the College of the City of New York, Columbia University and the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. He made his first professional appearance as an actor in "Paid In Full" in 1913. Robinson served in the United States Navy during World War I and according to Who's Who in America, with the Office of War Information in World War II. A biographical sketch of Robinson also appears in Who's Who in American Jewry.

Robinson has been closely associated with a number of Communist-dominated or infiltrated organizations. Robinson in conjunction with Melvyn Douglas and James Cagney presented an ambulance to the Loyalists during the Spanish Civil War. In 1937 he signed a wire to Lieutenant Governor Hatfield requesting a pardon for Tom Mooney.

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Robinson is known to be friendly with [REDACTED] a prominent Communist Party functionary in New York City. He is also friendly with [REDACTED] an individual closely associated with Soviet personnel who are allegedly engaged in activities in behalf of the Soviet Secret Intelligence Service (NKVD). Robinson recently submitted a letter of recommendation for the release of Samuel Paul Spiegel, a German Communist now held by the Immigration and Naturalization Service for deportation. b7C

Robinson held a meeting at his home in Beverly Hills called by Melvyn Douglas, a movie actor and Communist Party sympathizer, at which a document known as "Declaration of Democratic Independence" was prepared. This document was directed to President Roosevelt and called for participation in the coming Congress for Peace and Democracy, a Communist-sponsored group.

Robinson was a guest at a dinner held at Ciro's in Hollywood sponsored by the American Committee to Save Refugees, the Exiled Writers Committee and the United American Spanish Aid Committee on November 10, 1941. He was a sponsor for a speech by Paul Robeson in Beverly Hills, California, July 20, 1942, given under the auspices of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and the Council on African Affairs, Inc.

Robinson was a sponsor for the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee program held April 18 and 19, 1943 for the benefit of "European Refugee Children Now in Mexico." [REDACTED]

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Robinson is a member of the Committee to Aid Russian Artists. He is a member of the Committee for War Posters, sponsored by the Hollywood Division of the Russian War Relief. He is also a member of the Russian War Relief Music Committee. He was a speaker on the "Tribute to Russia Today" program produced by Boris Morros in Los Angeles. He spoke at a Memorial Meeting March 9, 1943 in honor of the two million Jewish dead in Europe. He is a member of the Council of American Soviet Friendship and was a speaker at a Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee meeting held in Los Angeles in July of 1943.

Robinson was a patron of a program sponsored by the National Council of American Soviet Friendship in Los Angeles, commemorating the Tenth Anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and the USSR. He is a member of the Motion Picture Committee, of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship and was a sponsor of the Congress of American Soviet Friendship.

In December of 1943, he sent a telegram to the Senate Judiciary Committee urging the passage of the Anti-Poll Tax Bill. Robinson was a sponsor of the Fifth Congress for Peace and Democracy, a forerunner of the American Peace Mobilization, a Communist organization declared subversive by the Department of Justice.

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During the visit of Solomon Michaels and Itzik Peffer, two Soviet representatives of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee to the United States during 1943, Robinson sat on the platform with them during their appearance in Los Angeles and spoke in English, Yiddish and Russian, stating, "The entire American people and the peoples of the Soviet Union have joined together in their hatred of Hitlerism. Let's resolve to remain together in love and humanity."

Robinson is a member and sponsor of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, a Communist-dominated group. At a meeting February 29, 1944 of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born at which they published a "Declaration on American Unity," Robinson condemned the Anti-Semitic, Anti-Negro and other prejudices of the American people.

Robinson was the master of ceremonies and introduced Vice President Wallace before the United Citizens Committee in Los Angeles on February 9, 1944. Many known Communists were present and.

A skit was given by the Hollywood Democratic Committee, a leading Communist front group in Hollywood which dealt with price subsidies, the Teheran Conference and the Anti-Poll Tax Bill. The skit was extremely critical of the Republican Party who were portrayed as pro-Fascists, and referred to the Soviet Union as the "Saviours of the World." Robinson in his introduction of Wallace stated that the meeting was a win-the-war gathering in honor of the Vice President and referred to Wallace as "The Champion of the Common Man."

He was one of the individuals who sent congratulatory greetings to Paul Robeson, a known Communist on his 46th birthday, according to an article which appeared in the Daily Worker April 24, 1944. Other individuals who sent similar greetings to Robeson were Harry Bridges of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union and Sidney Hillman, the head of the CIO Political Action Committee. Robinson stated in his greeting, "In honoring Paul Robeson we honor everything we are fighting for."

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born sponsored a United Nations dinner at the Hotel Biltmore in New York on April 18, 1944, at which Robinson spoke, honoring the role of aliens in our present war effort. The master of ceremonies for this dinner was Donald Ogden Stewart, a known Communist, and many other known Communists appeared on the program.

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ACTION: An active investigation is presently being conducted of [REDACTED] and the Los Angeles Field Division has been requested to institute a discreet investigation into [REDACTED] Edward G. Robinson to determine the extent of their Communist affiliations and possible Soviet connections. b7C

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January 8, 1958.

Mr. Edward G. Robinson,  
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios,  
Hollywood, California.

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Dear Mr. Robinson:

Through the courtesy of Carter Barron, General Manager of the Loew's Interest in Washington, there was a private showing, just concluded, in one of the assembly rooms of our Bureau this morning of "The Last Gangster." I have just returned to my office from viewing it. I could not refrain from dropping you a note to tell you what a grand picture I think it is and what an excellent performance you gave. I think you know that I am somewhat of a Robinson fan, and I do think that you have more than sustained the excellent reputation which you have established for being a real artist in the presentation of your characters. The picture also teaches a worthy lesson and carries a powerful message.

I do hope that in the near future, either on this Coast or on the West Coast, it will be possible for us to see each other again; because I would like to renew our acquaintance of last summer.

With all good wishes to Mrs. Robinson and you,

I am

Sincerely,

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March 18th, 1933

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I was happy to hear from you. Miss radio and the pictures for the seeming delay in my reply. Between the two I have got myself 'in the dog-house' with the family, friends, et al.

Mrs. Robinson and I both enjoyed meeting you...After seeing some of "The Last Gangster" in the process of making, I am glad that you liked all the finished product. It seems to be doing very well. Just now I am making "Dr. Clitterhouse", the stage play of which you have probably seen...another and rather interesting variation of the same old theme.

I was just wondering whether you have had a chance to listen in to "Big Town" (broadcast every Tuesday evening over the U.S.S. network). I don't know much about radio, but my sponsors tell me that we have gone right to the top of the half hour dramatic shows, on the 'Crosley' and other recorders of public interest. In the main, we have dealt with the exposition of rackets. We have endeavored to present our stories with integrity and fidelity, and yet dramatically and entertainingly, we hope. Would it be too much to ask you to listen in to one of our programs and to let me have your valued opinion, confidentially for my personal

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benefit? We have a lot to learn and I am certain that your advice would be very helpful. The program offers a great opportunity to render a public service, and I for one wish to make the most of it.

I don't know when I will get the chance to visit you at Washington, but I shall be delighted to renew our friendship when next you visit here.

With all good wishes and kindest regards, believe me,

Sincerely,

*Edward G. Robinson*  
Edward G. Robinson.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 24, 1938.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

On the evening of March 22nd, I listened to the weekly broadcast entitled "Big Town" over Station WJBY from 8:00 to 8:30, featuring Edward Robinson and Claire Trevor. This broadcast is sponsored by Chicago Soap and the feature part of the program consists of a rather dramatic expose of rackets and crime conditions.

In the broadcast on Tuesday evening, Robinson played the part of Steve Wilson, Managing Editor of the Illustrated Press. Claire Trevor was the Society Editor. Wilson called upon the Mayor and handed him an ultimatum that if he vetoed the park ordinance he, Wilson, would expose his crooked regime and his affiliations with Jack Starr, the political boss of the city, who would suffer if the Mayor permitted the park ordinance to pass. Wilson pointed out that it was high time children in that cheap neighborhood should be given a place to play and the flophouses sheltering Starr's minions should go in the interest of clean government.

The Mayor, immediately after Wilson's departure, called Jack Starr and an individual named Warwick, the publisher of the Chronicle. When Starr and Warwick called at the Mayor's office, Warwick pointed out that his paper was conducting an editorial campaign against the Illustrated Press. The Mayor was quite tickled and Starr stated that he would see to it that the Illustrated Press did not begin its campaign.

In the meantime, Wilson was getting ready. Protestants were made of the court records showing who owned the property around the park and the campaign was on. Laura Lyle, played by Claire Trevor, showed Wilson the pictures that the Mayor's wife had sent of her party. Wilson ordered that they be printed. When he heard no word from the Mayor by ten o'clock, he ordered the expose and the publication of a special edition of the paper. After working all night he went to bed, and early in the morning he was called at his home and advised that a gang of thugs had been imported, that the trucks could make no deliveries, that they had been run off the road, that eight of the Illustrated Press employees were already in the hospital.

1 ENCL. H. Wilson called the District Attorney and the chief of the police force for help. Immediately thereafter, word was received from the Illustrated Press that the largest department store in town was pulling out its advertising contract unless they could guarantee a specific number of papers to be circulated daily. The City Editor asked Wilson if he couldn't go away and hire a gang of thugs to go in and combat the thugs imported by Starr. Wilson stated that he would not fight lawlessness with lawlessness--that it was a battle to the finish and that even the better people in the city would

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back them. Then came the word that a small newsboy who was Wilson's favorite and who some day would become a reporter, had been found behind a billboard with his head mashed in and a blackjack alongside. Wilson immediately ordered that he be taken to the city and called the best doctors. Wilson then went to the city and after the operation, in a very melodramatic scene, greeted the boy, Jimmy Belden, who opened his eyes and stated that he hoped it wouldn't make any difference in his being a reporter in later life, and then died.

Wilson then took the bull by the horns, called at his City Desk and told them to go the limit on printing the facts about the boy's death and that he had a debt to pay and would be gone for some time. He went to the office of Warrick, the publisher of the Chronicle, whereupon Warrick asked Wilson if he was pleading for the Chronicle to abate their editorial campaign. While they were talking, a call came in, being first announced as having come from Jack Starr, and while Warrick said he would talk to him at the time, nevertheless Starr cut in and stated "The kid has kicked the bucket. Get those rugs out of the city."

Wilson then went to the District Attorney's office. A warrant was sworn out for Starr's arrest and they prepared for a showdown. In the meantime, the City Desk of the Illustrated Press called Wilson and stated that Jack Starr had just bought the Chronicle and would make an announcement to that effect at a dinner meeting of the Chamber of Commerce that evening. It should be noted in passing that Jack Starr was the political boss and held himself out as the people's benefactor representing one of the oleaginous individuals who could be expected to occupy such a position.

Wilson attended the dinner and after Starr had delivered his announcement, Wilson took the floor and in a particularly vituperative manner pointed out the filth and corruption that existed in the city emanating from the fountainehead of vice, Jack Starr, and then called upon the honest Captain of the Police Department to take Starr into custody.

I thought that the broadcast was particularly well done. As a matter of fact, I believe that it is one of the best programs that I have ever heard of this nature. Edward G. Robinson was excellent and it was rather interesting to note many of the Director's phrases which Robinson used in referring to criminals as "rats" and "sour" and referring to "crooked politicians" and the like.

A letter has been prepared to Mr. Robinson in response to his.

Respectfully,

*L. R. Nichols*  
L. R. Nichols.

March 29, 1950.

Mr. Edward G. Robinson,  
First National Studios,  
Burbank, California.

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Dear Mr. Robinson:

While returning to Washington on the evening of March 22nd, I heard your weekly broadcast, "Big Tom," and then immediately after my return to the office, your letter of March 10, 1928, was called to my attention. I was so glad to hear from you, and I can well appreciate how completely your time must be taken up with such a heavy schedule.

I thought your broadcast last Tuesday evening was excellent in every respect. It was most realistically presented, and I am confident that while the program was a dramatization, it nevertheless will accomplish much good in arousing the people. Perhaps you saw an article which appeared in the January-February issue of the Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology, written by Mr. Newman F. Baker, in which he viciously attacks my efforts as a criminologist. He appears to be ever so much offended at my crudeness in referring to the "poor criminals" as "rats" and "scum from the underworld," and I gather that he is fearful that I might have been so rude as to hurt some of the criminals' feelings by calling them such bad names. So, with this sub-sister outburst fresh in my mind at the time I heard your broadcast it rather warmed my heart, upon hearing you use similar "terrible" expressions, to know that I will no longer have to remain in the dog house alone, but can enjoy the company of another kooky man who hasn't broadened out to the extent of learning to love the criminal element.

I do hope that both Mrs. Robinson and you will be able to visit Washington soon, for I assure you that it would indeed be a real pleasure to renew our friendship.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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August 21, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Carson	
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SAC Cornelius called to advise that Edward G. Robinson had called him regarding the "Big Town" radio program. Grane Wilbur is the editor and helps with the program.

They desire to use some case in the FBI relative to our work in espionage and other counterespionage work.

I told Mr. Cornelius that the Bureau could not participate in any way, directly or indirectly, with a commercial program; that of course the Bureau would interpose no objection if the Bureau's name was used; that we would be glad to look over the script if no reference was made to the Bureau approving the program in any way.

Respectfully,

*L. B. Nichols*  
L. B. NICHOLS

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
August 27, 1940

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 8-27-88 BY SP-5 JTB

Dear Sir:

On August 24, 1940, I had luncheon with EDWARD G. ROBINSON, motion picture actor, and CHASE WILBUR, the manager and editor of the radio program "Big Town", which stars EDWARD G. ROBINSON, and during the course of the luncheon, Mr. ROBINSON informed me that he wanted to assist the Bureau in every way possible and he felt that in his role as the newspaper editor in "Big Town" he could propagandize practically anything the Bureau wanted in a subtle way without anyone knowing that he was putting across anything but drama and that he would appreciate any suggestions that I might have as to how he could assist the Bureau in our work.

I pointed out to him that an important point to get across to the people of the country was that they should report all information received relative to espionage, sabotage, subversive activities and violations of the Neutrality Act promptly to the nearest office of the Bureau, but that under no circumstances should any investigation be conducted and also indicated the reasons for this policy. He discussed the matter at some length and both Mr. ROBINSON and Mr. WILBUR felt that they could very easily and effectively work such an idea into the program, stating that they could probably work it in by having an interview with a Special Agent in Charge of one of the Bureau's Field Divisions, making it, however, appear as a fictitious interview and not mentioning any identities.

I pointed out to Mr. WILBUR that the Director had written a series of articles, which had appeared in This Week magazine and which rather effectively set out the manner in which the Bureau was functioning during the current emergency upon the specific instructions of the President of the United States. Mr. WILBUR stated that he would immediately check these articles and would endeavor to utilize such information as appeared to be possible to utilize on the program referred to.

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August 27, 1940

I had previously met Mr. ROBINSON on several occasions and had several very friendly conversations with him. He apparently is an ardent supporter of the Bureau and an admirer of the Director. He has informed me in the past that he was endeavoring for some months before "Confessions of a Nazi Spy" was made in the form of a motion picture to induce Warner Bros. to produce such a picture and that he felt it was badly needed in order that the people of this country could be educated as to the Nazi way of doing things.

Very truly yours,

ARTHUR CORNELIUS, JR.  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Edward O. Robinson, Jr.  
910 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, California

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Dear Manny:

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me as you did on November 8, 1943, and it made me very happy to know that you think so much of the profession of law enforcement. Your ambition in this regard is commendable and sometime it might be my pleasure to extend an invitation for you to become one of us in the FBI.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Jones	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
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910 No. Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, Calif.  
May 31st, 1944

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

The attached letter with my  
response may be of interest to you and  
perhaps bear investigation.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Edward G. Robinson*

Edward G. Robinson

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Shott-Strip Installation Co.

933 CHESTNUT ST.

LEBANON, PA.

COPYPhiladelphia, Pa.  
January 14, 1944Chief in Charge,  
War Advertising Council,  
Washington, D. C.ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Dear Sir:

Regarding: Influencing the minds of the American public in the exact direction so that they back up the war effort to the fullest extent, instead of the sem-hap-hazard way they are doing it, according to the editorial, labeled Cross Town, on page twenty-two of the Philadelphia Daily News, seven star edition, Tuesday night, Jan. the eleventh.

Do you not think that to date outside of the Pearl Harbor incident, (which was very harsh but too far away without any specific immediate horror that brings about the brittle Yankee ferocity. The type of fierceness that drives them to dig in to their last dollar and their last drop of blood.) there has not been one other incident, outside of the usual run of manufactured propaganda.

Is it not a fact that due to hundreds of millions of dollars in advertising propaganda tossed at the American public in the past twenty years, the public opinion has been blunted so bad, that they accept all propaganda in a very light-hearted manner, causing them to think that, the writers and broadcasters of all propaganda will write or say anything, that they hope the public will believe, in order to successfully get across to the public, the product that they represent, whether it be lipstick, pickled herring or political and military propaganda.

Does not the greater majority of the vast American public read and listen to all this so called red hot, high powered informative propaganda with a sweet smile on their faces, and a wise gleam in their eyes, and at the conclusion of the delivery, they generally remark, "Not so hot this time or they are getting better every day." Light meaningless quips that spell only disbelief instead of working them up into a white hot anger.

Would it not be better to pick out one specific brutal, actual incident at a time, strip it down, and give the American public the absolute naked truth on the subject.

The  
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Would this not give them a capital reason to become really embittered, causing them to actually want to buckle down tight and give their everything.

Would this not bring about a swift prosecution of a successful victory that will save countless lives and bloodshed of our own.

If I may suggest one incident in particular about a famous American idol, a hero worshipped by almost the entire American public and known throughout the civilized world.

How step by step, Adolph Hitler and his fellow murderers plotted fifteen years ago to bread this heroes will.

The fiendish Nazi scheme they used to break not only him but his whole family, physically and mentally, so they would bend to the will and do the bidding of the foul Nazi clique.

How they smashed our heroes reputation in our own eyes so that we turned cold in scorn on him.

So have the clever Nazi hellbinders deceived us and to this very minute they are laughing pu their sleeves at the ease with which they betrayed us through our own hero.

However as a matter of fact our hero is entirely innocent but quite powerless to do anything about it, even in his living state.

Do you think incidents of this type would fire up the American public to the desired effort?

If you do, advise me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Chris Shott

*Chris Shott*

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910 No. Rexford Drive,  
Beverly Hills, Calif.  
May 31st, 1944.

Mr. Ed Shott,  
933 Chestnut St.,  
Lebanon, Penna.

My dear Mr. Shott:

While it is flattering to know that you have selected me to sponsor a production of Col. Lindburg, as outlined in your letter of May 24th, I believe you can make a much better choice.

It seems to me that there are others who look and act more like your hero than I do. I am afraid I am not the one to champion the production you have in mind.

Respectfully yours,

Edward G. Robinson

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June 7, 1946

Mr. Edward G. Robinson  
910 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Your letter of May 31, 1946, with enclosures,  
has been received and I appreciate very much indeed  
your courtesy in making this information available  
to me.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. Edgar Hoover  
Mail: By the Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

DATE October 2, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: EDWARD G. ROBINSON

For your information, there is attached hereto a memorandum which sets forth information relative to the Soviet and Communist connections of Edward G. Robinson.

Your attention is called to the fact that Edward G. Robinson have visited and talked with you during recent years. Mr. Robinson has expressed himself as an admirer of yourself and the Bureau.

ACTION:

The above data is for your information in connection with possible future contacts you may have with these individuals.

Respectfully,

D. M. Ladd

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES

FILE NO. 100-22505

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 10/16/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/24, 29/44 9/9/44 10/4, 5, 6, 10, 12/44	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE EDWARD G. ROBINSON, formerly Emanuel Goldenberg, Emanuel Goldberg			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R b7c

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject, prominent motion picture actor, has appeared at many Communist sponsored functions in Los Angeles area and has permitted his name to be used as sponsor by many Communist front and Communist dominated organizations.

[REDACTED] Senator CLAUDE PEPPER of Florida and his wife were recently house guests of subject [REDACTED] b7c

Subject, prior to leaving for England in June 1944 to represent Office of War Information, [REDACTED] b1

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Bureau File Number 100-104897.  
Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated October 5, 1944.

DETAILS:

Name	EDWARD G. ROBINSON, formerly EMANUEL GOLDBERG, EMANUEL GOLDBERG
Address	910 North Rexford Drive Beverly Hills, California
Citizenship	United States (by his own assertion)

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Place of birth Bucharest, Rumania  
Date of birth December 12, 1893  
Occupation Actor - His agent is FRANK VINCENT  
Relatives GLADYS LLOYD ROBINSON  
nee GLADYS CASSELL, wife  
910 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, California  
EDWARD G. ROBINSON, JR., son  
MORRIS GOLDENBERG, father  
SARAH GOLDENBERG, mother  
CLEMENT C. CASSELL, father-in-law

PERSONAL HISTORY

Informant [redacted] has advised that subject was born December 12, 1893 at Bucharest, Rumania and has been employed by several motion picture studios in Hollywood, having thirty-two years experience in this field. Other positions for which subject considered himself fitted were intelligence, propaganda and public relations. Among his talents subject listed familiarity with the following languages: French, German, Italian, Spanish, Rumanian, Russian, Yiddish and Hebrew. His Social Security number is 573-03-9434 and he claims to be a citizen of the United States.

The publication "Motion Picture Almanac" for the year 1943 - 1944 contains information to the effect that EDWARD G. ROBINSON's correct name is EVANSEL GOLDENBERG and that he married GLADYS LLOYD, a professional actress, and thereafter appeared in many amateur theatricals and vaudeville and eleven years ago made his first motion picture, and since that date has appeared in many successful films, the last listed being the commentary, "Moscow Strikes Back" by ART KINO.

The publication "Who's Who in American Jewry" for the year 1938 - 1939 on Pages 860 to 861 indicates that EDWARD G. ROBINSON is the son of MORRIS and SARAH GOLDBERG. It is indicated subject attended the City College of New York in 1910, Columbia University, New York in 1913 and the Sargent Dramatic School in 1913. This record indicates he married GLADYS LLOYD, daughter of CLEMENT C. CASSELL in January 1927 and has one child, EDWARD G. ROBINSON, JR. He was a member of the United States Navy in 1915 and belongs to the following organizations: Screen Actors' Guild, Actors' Equity Association and Masquers, Lamb, New York City.

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Informant [redacted] advised that on June 6, 1941 EDWARD G. ROBINSON appeared on a nation-wide radio broadcast presenting a skit prepared by DALTON TRUMBO and TRIS HARTMAN in connection with the League of American Writers which is a Communist front organization.

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On April 12, 1942 Special Agent [redacted] of the Los Angeles Office at the Pasadena Book Panel, 160 North Oakland Avenue, Pasadena, secured a pamphlet which advertised a meeting of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee which was to be held April 18 and 19 at 1235 North Hayworth, Los Angeles, and on the circular as sponsors appeared the names of Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON.

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The publication "Hollywood Reporter" on November 21, 1941 carried a story indicating that Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON were active in promoting a concert at the Shrine Auditorium December 3, 1941 under the sponsorship of the Russian Relief Committee.

Subject was also listed as a sponsor for a concert held December 3, 1941 at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles under the sponsorship of the Russian War Relief and was present at this concert.

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The publication "News Letter", Volume I, Number 3, which is published by the Southern California Division of Russian War Relief, carried a story to the effect that EDWARD G. ROBINSON attended a concert given by the music committee of the Russian War Relief, Inc., on July 19, 1942.

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On January 23, 1943 subject was observed by Special Agent [REDACTED] attending what appeared to be a meeting at the France Forever Office, 9407 Brighton Way, Beverly Hills. b7C

The East Side Journal, published in Los Angeles June 16, 1943, stated that EDWARD G. ROBINSON was to be on a Hollywood Bowl program June 22, 1943 entitled "Tribute to Russia Day". This program was arranged by Russian War Relief to commemorate the anniversary of Hitler's invasion of Soviet Russia.

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On October 23, 1943 the publication, "Peoples' World", which is alleged to be the official newspaper organ for the CPA on the West Coast, carried an article indicating that EDWARD G. ROBINSON was a member of the motion picture committee of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

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On July 29, 1944 the "Peoples World" carried a press release given by GEORGE (BOB) ROBERTS, national director of the CIO Political Action Committee announcing that a western unit of the National Citizens' PAC for California and Nevada had been formed which would remain separate. The article stated the new National Committee already had a number of Californians on its eighty-man full committee, including EDWARD G. ROBINSON and his wife, and stated the National Executive Committee included SIDNEY HILLMAN, PHILIP MURRAY and others.

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The records of the Los Angeles Office contain considerable information received from various sources to indicate that [REDACTED] has been a member of the Communist Party and active in its affairs. b7C

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The "Los Angeles Times" of August 15, 1943 carried a news story relating that Los Angeles Jewish leaders, as part of their contribution to the friendship of the United Nations, had issued a call to all religious, fraternal and social organizations to participate in a conference August 16 to make arrangements to welcome Professor SOLOMON MICHELS and Lieutenant

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Colonel ITZIE FEFER, Soviet delegates arriving from Moscow for a three-day stay which was to be climaxed by a mass meeting August 26 at the Shrine Auditorium. MICHOIS was described as founder and director of the Moscow Jewish State Theater and head of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee of the USSR and also as holding the Order of Lenin. FEFER, according to the "Los Angeles Herald Express", is a USSR hero poet who had charge of the Jewish civilian evacuation of Kiev.

A second news story in the "Times" on August 22 stated that EDWARD G. ROBINSON was among those who would greet the visitors at the Shrine Auditorium. Officials of the Russian Consulate at Los Angeles stated the Shrine Auditorium had been sold out and that EDWARD G. ROBINSON had approved the text.

According to the "Times" of August 27, EDWARD G. ROBINSON spoke at the Shrine rally.

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The "Peoples World" on January 27, 1944 carried a photograph of a reception given by the Council for American-Soviet Friendship in honor of MIRHADI KALATOZOV and his wife at the Mocambo Club in Hollywood and among the guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON. KALATOZOV is the film representative of the USSR in the United States.

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620 On November 7, 1943 Informant [REDACTED] reported that a Cadillac bearing California license 9-V3428, which is registered to EDWARD G. ROBINSON, was parked in the vicinity of 2315 North Vermont, Los Angeles, which is the address of the Russian Consulate. On that date a reception was given by Vice-Consul V. V. PASTOEV celebrating the twenty-sixth anniversary of the Russian revolution.

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[REDACTED] The "Hollywood Reporter" of June 5, 1944 carried a news article indicating that subject was going to England to do a film for the Royal Air Force and that while there he would broadcast for the Office of War Information.

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Along this same line, Informant [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] senior administrative assistant of the Office of War Information at San Francisco, had requested that permission be granted for EDWARD G. ROBINSON to leave the United States for England to represent the Office of War Information. She requested informant to send such permission by air mail to [REDACTED] Liaison Officer, O.W.I. Outpost, Bureau, 4th and Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D. C.

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The "Pacific Coast Shipyard Worker" published at San Pedro, California in its edition of September 7, 1944 carried a news story to the effect that the CIO Political Action Ball in Southern California had started to roll near the November election goal that week following a large turn-out of laborers at a Shrine Auditorium Democratic rally. Senator CLAUDE PEPPER of Florida was the principal speaker and the events arranged in his honor included a reception at the home of EDWARD G. ROBINSON.

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The following description of subject was obtained from Informant

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Age	50
Date of birth	December 12, 1893
Place of birth	Bucharest, Rumania
Height	5' 7"
Weight	175 lbs.
Eyes	brown
Hair	black
Complexion	dark
Nationality	Jewish
Occupation	actor
Citizenship	claims U. S.
Wife	GLADYS LLOYD ROBINSON nee GLADYS CASSELL in Los Angeles file
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THE PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Will endeavor to locate a record of the naturalization of EDWARD G. ROBINSON whose real name is believed to be EMANUEL GOLDENBERG or possibly GOLDBERG, his parents names being MORRIS and SARAH GOLDENBERG or GOLDBERG. ROBINSON was born in Bucharest, Rumania December 12, 1893 and was attending school in New York in 1910, indicating he may have obtained his citizenship through the naturalization of his parents.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Beverly Hills, California

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[REDACTED] EDWARD G. ROBINSON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 919 North Raxford Drive, Beverly Hills. b7C

As suggested in reference letter, will consider [REDACTED] ROBINSON as subjects of this case in an effort to determine if they are connected with the R.K.V.D. b7C

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC LOS ANGELES  
 SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON, formerly  
 Emanuel Goldenberg, Emanuel Goldberg  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: October 18, 1937

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In connection with the report of Special Agent [redacted] copies of which are attached, it should be noted that on August 24, 1937 EDWARD G. ROBINSON advised Special Agent in Charge ARTHUR CORNELIUS that he admired the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was desirous of being of assistance in any way possible, and at that time offered the use of his radio program, "Bigtown", suggesting that he and CRANE WILBUR, manager and editor of the program, could propagandize in a subtle way any matters which the Bureau would like to have impressed upon the American public.

ROBINSON at that time commented on his efforts to hasten production of the film, "Confessions of a Nazi Spy" in order that the people of this country could be educated to the Nazi way of doing things.

CRANE WILBUR later contacted Mr. CORNELIUS to reiterate the offer of services made by EDWARD G. ROBINSON.

Another indication of the overture EDWARD G. ROBINSON has made to the Bureau is that on October 2, 1937 through W. P. HERNDY, Chief of Police at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios, ROBINSON wrote to the Bureau to secure an autographed photograph of Assistant Director CLYDE TOLSON and the author COURTNEY RILEY COOPER.

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To:

Assistant Chief of Staff  
G-2, War Department  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Colonel Carter W. Clarke

From:

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: *b7C*

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*Summary to PMSB 3-6-45*

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Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
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Mr. Quinn  
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Edward G. Robinson has been associated with Communist infiltrated or dominated groups for a number of years. In 1937 he presented an ambulance to the Loyalists during the Spanish Civil War in conjunction with Melvyn Douglas and James Cagney, [REDACTED]

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has been very friendly with a number of known Communists and frequently appeared as a sponsor or speaker for various Communist sponsored organizations. [REDACTED]

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The above data are for your information and such action as you may deem appropriate. I would appreciate any information you may receive relative to Communist or other subversive activities. [REDACTED]

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TO:

Director	Mr. Mumford
Mr. Tolson	Mr. Alden
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Mr. Clegg	Mr. Callan
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Mr. Nease

DATE 4-8-84 BY SP-5 JTS/STB

Mr. Henley	See me
Mr. Caplan	Call me
Miss O'Donnell	Appropriate action
Mr. Slater	Note & return
Mr. Duell	Send file
	Bring up-to-date
Chief Clerk's Off.	Correct
Records Section	Re-date
Personnel Files	Please initial & return
Typographical Sec.	Place on record
Ident. Division	Place on record & return
Technical Lab.	

*The movie place*  
*He has been training in*  
*the political campaign*  
D. W. LADD - Rm. 1742  
Tele. Room Ext. 2121



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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles 18, California  
October 27, 1944

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

Re: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY (R)

Dear Sir:

Authority is hereby requested for the installation of technical surveillance on EDWARD G. [REDACTED] ROBINSON, 910 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, Crestview 8-5115. The symbol will be [REDACTED] and the technical surveillance if authorized will be maintained at the Central Plant.

This technical surveillance is being requested in view of EDWARD G. ROBINSON's association with [REDACTED], a leading subject in the COMRAP case. [REDACTED]

In addition to the above, [REDACTED]

It is felt that the maintenance of a technical surveillance will be necessary to determine whether or not subject [REDACTED] are active in NEVD activities in this country.

Very truly yours,

R. E. ROOPER  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

In connection with this Bureau's investigation of the  
Communist Apparatus which includes espionage agents, it has been  
determined that Edward G. Robinson, the motion picture actor,  
[redacted] 310 North Bedford Drive, Beverly  
Hills, California, telephone Grentview 6-5115, [redacted]  
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I recommend authorization of a technical surveillance on  
the residence of Mr. [redacted] Robinson for the purpose of determining  
the extent of their activity on behalf of the Communist Apparatus and  
for the additional purpose of determining the identities of espionage  
agents.

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Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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DIRECTOR



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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for the additional purpose of determining the identities of espionage  
agents.

Respectfully,

*John Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Director, FBI

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Re: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY (R)  
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated October 27, 1944, requesting authority to install a technical surveillance on EDWARD G. ROBINSON, 910 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, telephone Crestview 6-5115. Reference is also made to [redacted] authorizing the same. b7c b1

It has now been ascertained that the ROBINSONS have an additional unlisted telephone at their residence having the number Bradshaw 2-3562. In view of this, authority is requested for an additional installation covering this line. This is particularly necessary in view of the fact that, according to Confidential National Defense Informant [redacted] the ROBINSONS utilize this additional line quite often. b2 b7D

Very truly yours,

*R. E. Hoover*  
R. E. HOOPER  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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You will recall that in connection with this Bureau's investigation of the Comintern apparatus which includes known espionage agents, you authorized a technical surveillance on the home of Edward G. Robinson, 910 North Kenford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, telephone Cressview 6-5115. It has now been ascertained that Edward G. Robinson has an additional unlisted telephone at this address which is utilized frequently by him.

I recommend that you authorize the installation of a technical surveillance on this second telephone, number Bradshaw 2-3562, at the above address for the purpose of developing additional information relative to Communist and Soviet espionage activities in the United States.

Respectfully,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**

Los Angeles 13, California  
 December 2, 1944

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
 AND FIELD OFFICES  
 ADVISED BY ROUTING  
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 DATE 2/10/85  
 Director, FBI

**PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL**

Re: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
 INTERNAL SECURITY (R)  
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Dear Sir:

Confidential National Defense Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau and whose services were first utilized on November 18, 1944, has the following information for the period commencing with that date and ending November 30, 1944. *U*

Informant has reported contacts between EDWARD G. ROBINSON and [redacted] various individuals. He has kept this office advised with regard to the contemplated travels of ROBINSON and his wife. In this connection informant reports that ROBINSON is planning to go again to England in the near future. *U*

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December 2, 1944

Re: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY (R)

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b7c On November 29, 1944, informant reported that ROBINSON contacted an unknown man and advised him that he had received the following telegram from [REDACTED] Cinema Section, Transmittal Society on Cultural Relations: (S) u

"AFTER INTERVAL ON NOVEMBER FIRST, 1944, NEWSPAPER 'SOVIET ART AND LITERATURE' RESUMING BUSINESS. IN FIRST ISSUE EDITORS CONTEMPLATE STATEMENTS BY REPRESENTATIVE WORKERS IN DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES CONCERNING THEIR WORK AND ROLE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HITLERISM."

(S) u

ROBINSON desired the unknown man to prepare an appropriate reply. (S) u

It is recommended that the services of this informant be continued.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Hood*  
R. B. HOOD  
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December 16, 1944

Mr. M. J. Lynch  
Legal Attache  
American Embassy  
London, England

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via U.S. Army Air Transport  
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Robinson was born in Bucharest, Rumania, December 22, 1893. He arrived in the United States in 1903 and was educated in this country. He made his first professional appearance as an actor in 1913 and later served in the U. S. Navy during the first World War. He is married to Gladys Robinson, nee Lloyd, an American citizen.

[REDACTED] Robinson is an American citizen according to his own statement.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI  
FROM: SAC, Philadelphia  
SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: December 12, 1944

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] made at Los Angeles October 16, 1944.

All files in the Central Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service, Philadelphia in the names EDWARD G. ROBINSON, EMANUEL GOLDBERG, EMANUEL GOLDBERG and MORRIS GOLDBERG were examined without finding a file for the subject or his father.

The indices of the Central Office contain 289 listings for MORRIS GOLDBERG. To narrow down the search, it will be necessary for this office to have the age of subject's father and the date and place of his naturalization. It is suggested for the consideration of the Los Angeles office that this information may be available in the school records of subject in New York City or in the records of the New York City Board of Elections.

In the meantime, this case is being considered as referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

You will recall that in connection with this Bureau's investigation of the Comintern Apparatus which includes known espionage agents, you authorized a technical surveillance on the home of Edward G. Robinson, 910 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, telephone WEStview 6-5115. It has now been ascertained that Edward G. Robinson has an additional unlisted telephone at this address which is utilized frequently by him.

I recommend that you authorize the installation of a technical surveillance on this second telephone, number Bradshaw 2-3562, at the above address for the purpose of developing additional information relative to Communist and Soviet espionage activities in the United States.

Respectfully,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles 13, California  
December 19, 1944

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Director, FBI

Re: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY (R)

Dear Sir:

Confidential National Defense Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, has the following information to report for the period commencing December 1, 1944, and ending December 15.

Informant likewise stated that the ROBINSONS had been in contact with the [redacted] subjects of an investigation in this office.

It is recommended that the services of this informant be continued.

Very truly yours, [redacted] **CONFIDENTIAL**

R. H. HOOVER  
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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

MR. LADD

DATE: December 30, 1944

FROM :

SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON, with aliases, ET AL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Division Six is presently interested in irregularities in the issuance of priorities. It is recommended that this memorandum be routed to Mr. Tamm for his information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: MR. E. A. TAMM

DATE: December 30, 1944

FROM: A. ROSEN *RS*

34747

SUBJECT: *[REDACTED]* UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT: RETIREMENT

Reference is made to your memorandum dated December 28, 1944, which is attached, advising that the Director has learned of a widespread irregular procedure in connection with the handling of commercial air priorities.

In that connection, copies of air priorities in the possession of the Chief Clerk's Office were reviewed which reflect that on the priority is the following: "I certify that this transportation is necessary to the prosecution of the war and that this mission can be successfully accomplished only by use of air transportation." Also stamped on the form is the statement that any person who secures a priority for aircraft travel by means of a false certificate as to the necessity thereof, may be prosecuted under Section 80 of Title 18.

It has been determined that usually the passenger who desires a priority contacts the Air Transport Command, Air Priorities Division, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C., or a regional office thereof in order to secure the priority. The priority is signed only by the issuing officer and not by the passenger. The passenger, if he secures the original priority, gives the original to the airline who in turn transmits same to the Air Transport Command, Air Priorities Division, Army Air Forces, Annex, Gravelly Point, Washington, D. C. It is also possible for the issuing officer to furnish information concerning the priority by telegram.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN: If the attached letter to the New York Field Division meets with your approval, it is suggested that it be transmitted. *77*

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## Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

11788

TO: MR. S. E. LANE

DATE: January 10, 1945

FROM: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, ETC.

[REDACTED]

Reference is made to the memorandum for Mr. E. A. Tamm from Mr. A. Rosen dated December 30, 1944, in the above-captioned matter. The reference memorandum deals with air priorities, particularly that a certification must be given that the air priority is sought because "Transportation is necessary for the prosecution of the war and that this mission can be successfully accomplished only by air transportation."

The reference memorandum requested that the Liaison Section of the Security Division check into the matter to ascertain from the Army Air Forces how [REDACTED]

This matter has been discussed by Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Liaison Section with Lieutenant [REDACTED] and, who stated that he would check into this matter and attempt to obtain the desired information.

This matter will be followed by [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] and you will be advised as to the results.

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January 16, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

EDWARD G. ROBINSON, WAS; ET AL;  
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Reference is made to the pending report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at San Antonio, Texas, December 16, 1944, and the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Dallas, Texas, December 18, 1944, in the above captioned matter.

b7c The Bureau desires that efforts be made to determine how [redacted] obtained authority to travel from California to Texas by Army bomber [redacted]

Mr. Tolson [redacted] should receive prompt attention.

Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg - Dallas  
Mr. Glavin - San Antonio  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
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January 22, 1945

RE: EDWARD G. ROBINSON, was. Et Al  
INTERNAL SECURITY (R)

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It is possible that EDWARD G. ROBINSON has some connection with the O.W.I., and it is reported that he contemplates the possibility of making another trip to England in the near future for the purpose of entertaining the armed forces.

No further inquiries are being made specifically with regard to this matter at this time.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
H. B. ROSS  
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cc: New York

cc: Washington Field

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REFERENCE: Bureau File: *100-337779-38*  
Report of Special Agent  
Los Angeles, October 16, 1944.  
*9-8-88 SP7MAC/ld*  
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DETAILS:

The title of this case is being marked changed to add the name  
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RE: EDWARD G. ROBINSON, W.R. et al  
INTERNAL SECURITY (R)  
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ON 4-8-88

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 16, 1945 in the captioned matter, copies of which were directed to the New York and Washington Field Offices.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Informant also reports [REDACTED] that in connection with EDWARD G. ROBINSON'S trip to Washington for the President's inauguration, he was to secure a \$3 priority from C.W.I. There is no indication according to the above informant that ROBINSON made any attempt to secure the priority to travel by air, and he left January 16, 1945 for the east via Santa Fe "Super Chief". Informant reported that subject would take the "Hepdaway Limited" from Chicago to Washington and that his car number would be 581.

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Re: EDWARD G. ROBINSON, w.as., ET AL.

INTERNAL SECURITY (R)

February 2, 1945

[REDACTED]  
As will appear in the next report in this matter from Los Angeles, which is presently in the process of being transcribed, information has been secured from other sources corroborating the fact that [REDACTED]  
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Very truly yours,

*R. B. Hood*  
R. B. HOOD  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
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 ON 4-8-88

Re: EDWARD G. ROBINSON, w.as. ET AL.  
 INTERNAL SECURITY (R)  
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your teletype of January 31, 1945, referring to my teletype of January 27 with regard to the discontinuance of the technical surveillance on EDWARD G. ROBINSON's residence, and requesting that a summary of the information obtained to date from this surveillance be furnished the Bureau by letter.

All of the information which has been secured from this surveillance has been furnished the Bureau in letter form by the following letters:

- Letter dated December 2, 1944
- Letter dated December 19, 1944
- Letter dated January 4, 1945
- Letter dated January 16, 1945.

Letters dated January 22, 1945, one summarizing information secured from this source from January 4-20, and one with regard to [REDACTED]

This source has not furnished any information of significance since January 16, 1945. No information in addition to that previously reported to the Bureau in the above mentioned letters is available in the Los Angeles files.

The surveillance was discontinued for the reason that no information was secured through this source indicating that [REDACTED] EDWARD G. ROBINSON [REDACTED] were active as REVD agents in [REDACTED] the Soviet Government. In addition, information secured from the surveillance has reflected [REDACTED]

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Mr. E. A. Tamm

A. Rosen

January 24, 1945

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
BLACK MARKET IN AIRPLANE PRIORITIES;  
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT;  
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The Director was advised by an informant that there is a wide spread irregular procedure in connection with the handling of commercial air priorities obtained in New York City. You will remember that the New York Field Division was instructed to conduct a discreet investigation of that allegation.

In that connection and of possible interest to you,

[REDACTED]

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

Because of the Internal Security investigation now under way, it is believed inadvisable at this time to conduct any further investigation

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January 15, 1945

RE: EDWARD G. ROBINSON, et al  
INTERNAL SECURITY (R)

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The above is being furnished the Bureau for its information at this time and no further immediate investigation is being conducted with regard to the request of the Bureau as set forth in the referenced teletype.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. ACOLA*  
R. B. ACOLA  
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United States Department of Justice**

Los Angeles 13, California  
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau teletype of January 12, 1945  
in turn directing attention to my letter of January 4, 1945, and requesting  
full information with regard to \_\_\_\_\_

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Likewise EDWARD G. ROBINSON has been unable to secure  
air priorities up to this time and contemplates leaving for Washington,  
D. C. on the Santa Fe "Super Chief", January 16, 1945. He contemplates  
meeting Mrs. ROBINSON in Washington where they will attend the inauguration  
of the President. They plan to stay at the Mayflower Hotel, and to this  
end have wired \_\_\_\_\_ assistant manager, to reserve Room 514 at that  
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b7D [REDACTED] furnished the following information concerning the subjects. EDWARD G. ROBINSON has been closely connected with a number of Communist-dominated or infiltrated organizations. In conjunction with MELVIN DOUGLAS and JAMES CAGNEY he presented an ambulance to the Loyalists during the Spanish Civil War. In 1937 he signed a wire to

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Lieutenant Governor HATFIELD requesting a pardon for TOM ROBINSON. [REDACTED] b7D

ROBINSON is known to be friendly with one [REDACTED] a prominent Communist Party functionary in New York City. b7C

ROBINSON recently submitted a letter of recommendation for the release of SAMUEL PAUL SPILGOLD, a German Communist now held by the Immigration and Naturalization Service for deportation. ROBINSON held a meeting at his home in Beverly Hills called by KELVIN DOUGLAS, a motion picture actor and Communist sympathizer, at which time a document known as "Declaration of Democratic Independence" was prepared. This document was directed to President ROOSEVELT and called for participation in the coming Congress for Peace and Democracy, a Communist-sponsored group.

ROBINSON was guest at a dinner held at Ciro's sponsored by the American Committee to Save Refugees, The Exiled Writers Committee, and The United America-Spain Aid Committee, on November 10, 1941. He was a sponsor for a speech by PAUL ROBESON in Beverly Hills July 20, 1942, given under the auspices of the Joint Anti Fascist Refugee Committee and the Council on African Affairs, Inc. He was a sponsor for the Joint Anti Fascist Refugee Committee program held April 19, 1943 for the benefit of the "European Refugee Children Now in Mexico". [REDACTED] b7C

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ROBINSON is a member of the Committee to Aid Russian Artists. He is a member of the Committee for War Posters, sponsored by the Hollywood Division of the Russian War Relief. He is also a member of the Russian War Relief Music Committee. He was a sponsor of "Tribute to Russia Today" program produced by MORIS MORFOS in Los Angeles. He was a speaker at a memorial meeting March 9, 1943 in honor of the two million Jewish dead in Europe. He is a member of the Council of American Soviet Friendship, and was a speaker at a Joint Anti Fascist Refugee Committee meeting held in Los Angeles in July 1943. ROBINSON was a patron of a program sponsored by the National Council of American Soviet Friendship in Los Angeles commemorating the Tenth Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the United States and the USSR.

ROBINSON is a member of the Committee from the Motion Picture Industry of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship and also a sponsor of the Congress on American Soviet Friendship. In December 1943 he sent a telegram to the Senate Judiciary Committee

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urging the passage of the Anti Poll Tax Bill. He was a sponsor of the Fifth Congress for Peacetime Democracy, a forerunner of the American Peace Mobilization, a Communist organization.

During the visit of SOLOMON MICHOELS and ITZER PEPER, two Soviet representatives of the Joint Anti Fascist Refugee Committee to the United States during 1943, ROBINSON sat on the platform with them during their appearance, and spoke in English, Yiddish and Russian, stating "The entire American people and the people of the Soviet Union have joined together in their hatred of Hitlerism. Let us resolve to remain together in love and unity."

ROBINSON is a member and sponsor of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, a Communist-dominated group. At a meeting February 29, 1944 of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, at which they published a "Declaration on American Unity", ROBINSON condemned the anti Semitic, anti Negro, and other prejudices of the American people. ROBINSON was master of ceremonies and introduced Vice President WALLACE before the United Citizens Committee in Los Angeles on February 9, 1944. Many known Communists were present. b7D

A skit was given by the Hollywood Democratic Committee, leading Communist front group in Hollywood, which dealt with the price subsidies, the Teheran Conference, and the Anti Poll Tax Bill. The skit was extremely critical of the Republican Party, who were portrayed as pro Fascists, and referred to the Soviet Union as the "saviors of the world". ROBINSON, in his introduction of WALLACE, stated that the meeting was a win the war gathering in honor of Vice President WALLACE, and referred to WALLACE as the "champion of the common man". b7C b7E

ROBINSON was one of the individuals who sent congratulatory messages to PAUL ROBESON, a known Communist, on his 46th birthday, according to an article which appeared in the "Daily Worker" April 24, 1944. ROBINSON

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stated in his greeting "In honoring Paul Robeson we honor everything we are fighting for."

The American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born sponsored a United Nations dinner at the Hotel Biltmore in New York April 18, 1944, at which ROBINSON spoke honoring the role of the alliance in our present war effort. The master of ceremonies for this dinner was DONALD OGDEN STUART, a known Communist, and many other known Communists appeared on the program. ROBINSON was the individual selected to prepare the commentary in English to accompany several motion pictures presented in the USSR which have recently been released in the United States. These films glorify the Soviet people and the Soviet Army.

An article in the "Washington Times-Herald", June 13, 1944 stated that EDWARD G. ROBINSON was listed as worthy of the Order of Lenin for his part in the making of "Mission to Moscow" and "North Star" two motion pictures lauding the Soviet government. ROBINSON appeared as speaker for the Los Angeles City Council for Civic Unity, a Communist infiltrated organization, on April 24, 1944. His speech was primarily an attack on racial prejudices in the United States. ROBINSON is a sponsor of the National Citizens Political Action Committee, associated with the CIO Political Action Committee. Many known Communists are listed as co-sponsors among whom are PAUL ROBESON and [REDACTED] is the chairman of this group as well as of the CIO Political Action Committee.

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In a magazine article from an unknown magazine bearing the caption "He's Haunted" by LOGIS, relative to EDWARD G. ROBINSON, the

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following information appears. When ROBINSON was recently in England he broadcast allied propaganda in seven languages to the peoples of Europe. It was mentioned that he was born in Rumania and arrived in the United States at the age of ten. He continued his education in the Manhattan public schools and in the College of the City of New York. World War I interrupted his stage career and he joined the Navy. He was stationed at Pelham Bay Training School, his linguistic ability leading to his being attached to Intelligence.

In a letter from the Philadelphia Office to the Bureau dated December 12, 1944 it was stated that all of the files in the Central Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Philadelphia in the names of EDWARD G. ROBINSON, EMANUEL GOLDENBERG, EMANUAL GOLDBERG and MORRIS GOLDENBERG were examined without finding a file for the subject or his father. In order to definitely determine whether there is a file for MORRIS GOLDENBERG it will be necessary to secure the age of subject's father and the date and place of his naturalization. It was suggested that this information might be available in the school records of the subject at New York City or in the records of the New York City Board of Elections.

It is known that EDWARD G. ROBINSON'S agent in the motion picture industry is FRANK VINCENT. Special Agent [redacted] ascertained through appropriate sources in the motion picture industry that it would not be advisable to talk with FRANK VINCENT concerning the subjects. [redacted]

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[REDACTED] who is close to the ROBINSONS, and who reports from time to time to this office concerning the subjects, has the following information to submit. (X)W

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[REDACTED] (u)  
[REDACTED] stated that on November 27, 1944 ROBINSON contacted [REDACTED] a close friend of the family, and asked if he could come over and see her as he wanted to discuss [REDACTED] b7D b7C b7C  
He stated that something must be done. (u)

[REDACTED] (u)  
On December 4, 1944 [REDACTED] in a conversation with ROBINSON, [REDACTED] Informant stated that on the same date ROBINSON and an individual believed by informant to be [REDACTED] engaged in a long serious conversation [REDACTED] ROBINSON was particularly perturbed [REDACTED] he described in highly uncomplimentary terms with regard to her morals. He also questioned [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] (u)

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On December 6, 1944 informant stated that ROBINSON and [REDACTED] engaged in another conversation at which time ROBINSON said

ROBINSON said he was disillusioned that he had no more interest in his work. [REDACTED]

(S)(u) b7c

b7c [REDACTED] (S)(u)

Informant has advised this office that EDWARD G. ROBINSON was leaving Los Angeles on January 17, 1945 for Washington, D. C. to attend the inauguration of President ROOSEVELT. In this connection informant (S)(u)

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stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In connection with the reservation at the Mayflower Hotel, the ROBINSONS have requested Room 514 for January 19th and have indicated that they are friendly with the assistant manager there. (S) (u)

[REDACTED] he conversed with EDWARD G. ROBINSON and invited him to attend a bond drive by the IWO. This was declined by ROBINSON as he had a previous commitment. [REDACTED] told ROBINSON that the victory committee was no good and was giving the local agencies the "brush off". ROBINSON told [REDACTED] that he was going overseas again soon. Informant stated that [REDACTED] the subject of an investigation by the Los Angeles office, attempted to contact Mr. ROBINSON on November 20th, with negative results. (S) (u)

[REDACTED] On November 20, 1944 [REDACTED] of the Committee on Race Relations attempted to contact Mr. ROBINSON with negative results. (S) (u)

[REDACTED] the statement that ROBINSON (referring to LUDIE) "thinks women have too much freedom in this country. He has foreign ideals." (S) (u)

[REDACTED] On the same date [REDACTED] contacted Mr. ROBINSON and after salutations in French, ROBINSON stated "We must speak in French now and then and forget about the Russians." (S) (u)

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On November 29, 1944 informant stated that EDWARD G. ROBINSON in a conversation with a man unknown to the informant, stated that he had received a wire from [REDACTED] chairman of VOKS Cinema Section Transmittal Society on Cultural Relations, Moscow, reading as follows: "AFTER INTERVAL OF 11/1/44, NEWSPAPER QUOTE SOVIET ART AND LITERATURE UNQUOTE RESUMING PUBLICATION. IN FIRST ISSUE EDITORS CONTEMPORARY STATEMENTS BY REPRESENTATIVE WORKERS IN DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES CONCERNING THEIR WORK AND ROLE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HITLERISM." ROBINSON desired that the man to whom he was talking prepare an appropriate answer for him. (S) b7c

On the same date informant stated that [REDACTED] was in contact with Mr. ROBINSON relative to a play. Informant stated that on November 30th a [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On December 4, 1944 informant advised that EDWARD G. ROBINSON sent a telegram to [REDACTED] at the Plaza Hotel, New York City, reading as follows: "EXCITED ABOUT CAPUSO IDEA PROVIDED ILLUSIONS WOULD NOT BE DISPELLED BY PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE MY INABILITY TO EVEN CROON OR CARRY A TUNE. WOULD LOVE READ SCRIPT AND APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING SAME TO ME. ALL THE BEST. GRATEFULLY." (S) b7c

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On the same date he sent a telegram to [redacted] Suite 170, Hotel Astor, New York City reading as follows: "APPLAUD YOUR DECISION CONTINUANCE LIVE VITAL LIBERAL GROUP COUNT ME IN." (SQU)

On December 5, 1944 informant stated that ROBINSON attempted to contact [redacted] with negative results. On December 7, 1944 ROBINSON, in a conversation with a man believed by informant to be [redacted] was advised by [redacted] that CHARLES BOYER was giving a dinner on December 19, 1944, and he wanted ROBINSON to attend with him. It is remembered that BOYER has come to the attention of this office as being active in the Free French movement here. (SQU)

[redacted] (SQU)

[redacted] (SQU)

[redacted] (SQU)

[redacted] Special Agent [redacted] that (SQU)

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The ROBINSONS continue to reside at 910 North Roxford Drive, Beverly Hills. There are two telephones at this address, CRestview 6-5115, and BRadshaw 2-3562.

The description of EDWARD G. ROBINSON has been set forth previously.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION:

At New York City will secure all available background data on EDWARD G. ROBINSON or his father, MORRIS GOLDENBERG, or GOLDBERG at the Columbia University, or through the public schools system, the New York City Board of Elections, or any other available source in order to verify EDWARD G. ROBINSON'S alleged American citizenship through the naturalization of his father.

In the event background information is secured, a lead should be set out for the Philadelphia office to again check the records for the naturalization of ROBINSON'S father.

[REDACTED] b7C

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION:

At Los Angeles, California will secure and report back telephone toll calls made from the subjects' phones.

67E [REDACTED]

Will continue to report information concerning the activities of the ROBINSONS secured through informants of this office.

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RE: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY (R)  
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Dear Sir:

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\*Confidential National Defense Informant [redacted] whose  
identity is known to the Bureau, had the following information to report  
for the period January 4, 1945 to January 20, 1945, inclusive. (S) u

[redacted] b7D

On January 8, 1945 informant stated that subject con-  
tacted a [redacted] and during the course of their conversation ROBINSON  
made the statement that he was not as enthusiastic about the President as  
he had been; that he thought the President "is going back on us a little" (S) u

[redacted] b7C

Informant stated that [redacted] who is  
well known to this office, contacted subject on January 11, 1945 and  
requested him to attend the dinner in honor of SIDNEY HILLMAN. [redacted]  
recontacted subject on January 15th and asked him to introduce  
HILLMAN at this dinner. She mentioned that one KENNY (possibly ROBERT  
KENNY, Attorney General of the State of California) was to introduce  
HILLMAN but couldn't make it. ROBINSON declined. (S) u

Informant stated that ROBINSON received a telegram  
from the Council of Civic Unity on January 16, 1945, inviting him to  
appear at a program to be held. ROBINSON was undecided, but indicated  
that he thought he should appear. (S) u

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Director

January 22, 1945

RE: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY (R)

According to informant, ROBINSON was contacted by a [redacted] who identified himself as the [redacted] b7c

Informant stated that on the same date subject, in a conversation with an unidentified woman, [redacted] Likewise an unidentified woman from the Musicians Congress contacted ROBINSON and asked him to donate to the PAUL ROBESON performance for the Committee on African Affairs. ROBINSON declined, stating he was already doing a great deal for the colored people. (S) u b7c

Informant stated that on January 14, 1945 ROBINSON was informed that he had received a telegram from New York with regard to reserving a box for him and ten wounded heroes for the President's Birthday Ball, to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. This telegram stated that this would cost ROBINSON \$1,000.00 and he should wire his acceptance. (S) u

It is recommended that the services of this informant be continued.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Hood*  
R. B. HOOD  
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SAC, Los Angeles

February 7, 1945

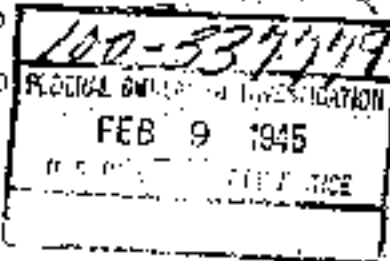
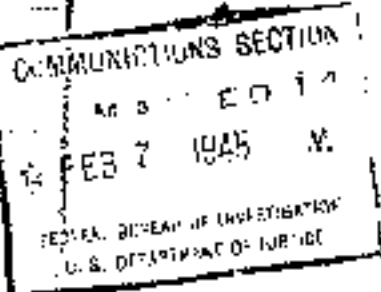
John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

EDWARD G. ROBINSON, with aliases; ET AL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

There is attached a photostatic copy of an article  
which appeared in the "Washington Post" [redacted] 1945, relative  
to [redacted]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd *b7c*

FROM : [REDACTED] *b7c*

SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: February 16, 1945

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Mr. Pennington ☒  
Mr. Quinn Tamm ☒  
Mr. Nease ☒  
Miss Gandy ☒

You will recall that Edward G. Robinson, the prominent movie actor, has been closely associated with members of the Communist Political Association and organizations controlled or infiltrated by them. [REDACTED] Robinson [REDACTED] active in allegedly Communist-controlled groups in the Hollywood area during the recent election campaigning for the re-election of President Roosevelt. *b7c*

Through a technical surveillance on Robinson's home, a conversation between him and [REDACTED] on January 6, 1945, was obtained. At that time, Robinson made the statement that he was not as enthusiastic about the President as he had been. He stated that he thought the President was going back on us a little." *b7c*

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

Los Angeles 13, California  
March 8, 1945

Director, FBI

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ON 4-11-88

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

RE: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY (R)

Dear Sir:

A letter to Los Angeles dated March 1, 1945 from the Miami Field Office, in this case, inadvertently enclosed the five Bureau copies of the report of Special Agent [redacted] Miami, March 1, 1945.

The five Bureau copies of the report are being enclosed herewith. The three copies for the Los Angeles Office have been received from the Bureau this date.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Hood*

E. B. HOOD  
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cc: Miami



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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

FILE NO. **100-10313** :MFD

REPORT MADE AT <b>MIAMI, FLORIDA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/1/45</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/11, 13/45</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>M. DONALD ALDRICH</b>
TITLE <b>EDWARD G. ROBINSON</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

EDWARD G. ROBINSON left Miami, Florida via PAA 2/9/45 for Havana, Cuba, accompanied by wife. Stayed Palacio Hotel until 2/11/45. Object of trip vacation but played one benefit show for Army camp in Havana. Returned Miami via PAA 2/11/45. Baggage examination negative. Papers on person of ROBINSON indicated few Cuban contacts. These papers photographed and negatives transmitted to Los Angeles.

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DATE 4-11-87 BY SP-7/BJA/STP

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau teletype to Miami dated 2/9/45 entitled "PARMI, 2/11/45."

**DETAILS:**

Information contained in the referenced teletype requested the whereabouts of the passenger be ascertained in order that the office of origin might be advised.

**AT MIAMI, FLORIDA**

EDWARD G. ROBINSON, left Miami, Florida, via Pan American Airways Plane No. NC-39614, Flight #442, from Havana, Cuba. At the screening counter at the 36th Street Airport Mr. ROBINSON stated he is presently en route to his residence at 912 N. Rexford Drive, Hollywood, California, but will first spend a few days in Miami Beach, Florida and then proceed to New York City for a short visit. The passenger was traveling on United States Passport No. 55375. A search of the baggage of this passenger

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and his wife by United States Customs officials was made with negative results.

Mr. ROBINSON was screened briefly at the conclusion of his passage through Immigration & Naturalization Service officials, at which time he stated that he had resided at the Palacio Hotel, Havana, Cuba, from February 9, 1945 to February 11, 1945, and that although the object of his trip was to relax for a few days he had played one benefit performance at an Army camp show in Havana. The personal papers of this passenger were photographed by Confidential Informant T-1, without arousing the suspicions of the Subject and the negatives are being transmitted to the office of origin under separate cover. These papers reflected a few contacts of the Subject with individuals in Cuba as follows:

MARCUS PACE (or PACE)  
Habana y Mercede 918  
Habana, Cuba

MARIA ANTONIETTA HENRIQUEZ  
Hotel Nacional  
Habana, Cuba

ROBERT C. SMITH  
Administrator (manager)  
Hotel Nacional  
Habana, Cuba

GUSTAVO RODRIGUEZ BACARDI  
Habana, Cuba

EMILIO BACARDI LAY  
Bacardi Building  
Habana, Cuba  
Telephone M 7991

RICARDO ZORILLA  
Armenteras  
2nd Lt. - Pilot Aviator and aide De'Camp  
to President of Republic

CARLOS FELIP Y ESPINO  
Monte y Cardenas  
DPO #302  
Habana, Cuba

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~~LORENZO DOMAS LAFRANCO~~

Cuban Tourist Commission

Airlines #52

Havana, Cuba

(this was a business card on which was written  
RAFAEL DOMAS, L and social manager of BACARDI)

ROBERTO G. CAMPOAMOR

Artemisia

Havana, Cuba

The names of the various individuals also appeared in a small address book carried by the Subject which was reviewed by the Agent but the contents aside from being almost illegible are not being fully set out as being mainly of a business nature and not of significance in an investigation of the Subject. These names are being retained in the Miami file of this case in the event it is desired to refer to them in the future.

There being no further investigation to be conducted by this office, this case is being considered Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin.

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- CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT -

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SUBJECT

EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: April 2, 1945

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Through a technical surveillance, the conversation between the  
above subject and a [redacted] on January 8, 1945, was obtained. b7c

Mr. Robinson made the statement that he was not as enthusiastic  
about the President as he had been. He added that he thought the President  
"is going back on us a little."

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles 13, California

April 10, 1945

Director, FBI

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

RE: EDWARD G. ROBINSON, w.as. et al  
INTERNAL SECURITY (R)

DECLASSIFIED BY SP8 LJK/pt  
ON 4-11-82

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 24, 1945 at El Paso, Texas, wherein a lead is set out for the Los Angeles Office to [redacted]

In view of the fact that it is not deemed pertinent to the particular investigation to ascertain [redacted] this lead is being disregarded.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD  
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FILE NO. **100-22605**

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TITLE <b>EDWARD G. ROBINSON, formerly Emanuel Goldenberg. Emanuel Goldenberg</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY (R)</b>

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Information secured from confidential sources failed to reflect subjects engaged in activities on behalf of Soviet Government.

[REDACTED] and check of [REDACTED] set forth. Monitoring of [REDACTED] of EDWARD G. ROBINSON fails to disclose any unusual activity.

REFERENCE:

Bureau File #100-22605.  
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Los Angeles,  
dated 2/3/45.

DETAILS:

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[redacted] who has reported concerning the contacts of the ROBINSONS from time to time and who was last contacted on January 25, 1945, reported that on January 10, 1945, [redacted] wife of [redacted], and a close personal friend of the ROBINSONS, met with EDWARD G. ROBINSON and told him that According to [redacted]

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On January 8, according to the same informant, EDWARD G. ROBINSON met a [redacted] and during the course of their conversation ROBINSON made the statement that he was not as enthusiastic about the President as he had been; that he thought the President "is going back on us a little". (S)u

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On January 11, 1945, informant reported that he was present when [redacted] was in [redacted] office, conversed with [redacted]

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EDWARD G. ROBINSON. [REDACTED] requested ROBINSON to attend the dinner to be given in honor of SIDNEY HILLMAN. She recontacted ROBINSON on January 16, 1945, according to informant and asked ROBINSON to introduce HILLMAN at this dinner. She mentioned that one KENNY (possibly ROBERT KENNY, Attorney General of the State of California) was to introduce HILLMAN but would not be able to make it. She desired ROBINSON to make the introduction using KENNY's notes. Informant stated that ROBINSON declined. (S) U

On January 16, according to this same source, ROBINSON received a telegram from the Council of Civic Unity inviting him to appear at a program to be held. ROBINSON was undecided but indicated that he thought he should attend. According to this source, [REDACTED] is the individual to whom ROBINSON should direct his reply. (S) U

On January 15, 1945, EDWARD G. ROBINSON was contacted by an individual known to informant only as [REDACTED] who identified himself as being the [REDACTED] told ROBINSON that [REDACTED] (S) U

On the same date ROBINSON met a woman who was unknown to informant and hinted during the course of their conversation that [REDACTED] He expressed doubts as to his success along this line remarking that [REDACTED] (S) U

Also on this date a woman from the Musicians Congress known to informant as [REDACTED] contacted ROBINSON and asked him to donate to the PAUL ROBESON performances (of "Othello") for the Committee on African Affairs. ROBINSON declined stating that he had already done a great deal for the colored people. (S) U

On January 11, 1945, ROBINSON made the statement to informant that he had received a telegram from New York with regard to reserving a box for him and ten wounded heroes for the President's Birthday Ball to be held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. ROBINSON stated that they would cost him \$1,000 to do this. He did not indicate whether he would accept the invitation or not. (S) U

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\*Will secure all available background data on EDWARD G. ROBINSON or his father, MORIS GOLDBERG, or GOLDBERG, at the Columbia University, or through the public schools system, the New York City Board of Elections, or any other available source in order to verify EDWARD G. ROBINSON's alleged American citizenship through the naturalization of his father.

\*In the event background information is secured, a lead should be set out for the Philadelphia Office to again check the records for the naturalization of ROBINSON's father.

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TITLE <b>EDWARD G. MOBLESON, was, ET AL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau File No. 100-43765.

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DATE 4-11-88 BY SP8 [REDACTED]

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] **b7c**  
dated 3-21-45 at El Paso, Texas.

**DETAILS:**

At Dallas, Texas:

[REDACTED] **b7D**

In view of information contained in report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated December 18, 1944, at Dallas, Texas, in instant case, no further investigation is being conducted, and this matter is considered referred upon completion to the office of origin in the Dallas Field Division. **b7c**

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TITLE <b>EDWARD G. ROBINSON, with aliases, et al</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS.**

**PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL**  
**RE-EX 515**

EDWARD G. ROBINSON, born December 12, 1893, in Bucharest, Rumania, son of YOUNIS and SARAH GOLDENBERG. Reportedly arrived in U. S. in 1903. Attended City College, Columbia University, and Academy of Dramatic Arts at NYC. Married GLAUS LLOYD CORBELL on January 21, 1927.

**[REDACTED]** INS at NYC unable to locate record of naturalization.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau File **100-134274**  
Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** Jr., Los Angeles, 2/3/45.  
Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** Jr., Los Angeles, 4/12/45.

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Agent ascertained from a review of WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA for 1944 and 1945, that HERMAN G. ROBINSON is an actor born in Bucharest, Rumania, December 12th, 1893, the son of MORRIS and SARAH GOLDBERG; that he was brought to the United States in 1903; was educated in the Townsend Harris High School, which he attended from 1907 to 1910; at the College of the City of New York, which he attended from 1910 to 1912; that he also attended the Columbia University, and the Academy of Dramatic Arts, New York City. Further that he married GLADYS LYNN CORSELL on January 21st, 1927, and that they have one son, HERMAN G. ROBINSON, JR. WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA reflects that subject served in the United States Navy during World War I, and was awarded the Townsend Harris Medal of the College of the City of New York in 1936. Further, that subject is a member of the Actors Equity Association and also of the Lambs Club in New York City, as well as the Masquers Club of Hollywood, California.

Agent [REDACTED] ascertained from a review of WHO'S WHO IN THE THEATRE for 1934 that substantially the same information is contained therein as is reflected in WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA. However, Agent [REDACTED] noted that in this article he claimed to have received a Master of Arts Degree from Columbia University.

Special Agent [REDACTED] examined the Marriage License records for the Borough of Manhattan for the marriage of subject and GLADYS LYNN CORSELL with negative results.

Special Employee Investigator [REDACTED] advised that he examined the records at the office of Immigration and Naturalization, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, but was unable to find any record of the naturalization of MORRIS GOLDBERG on the basis of the information available.

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It is noted that nowhere in the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] biographical reviews of him, is there any mention  
of subject's naturalization status.

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WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

At Washington, D. C.

Will appropriately contact the Passport Division of the State Department relative to the passports issued to EDWARD G. ROBINSON [REDACTED] 62D

Since this is the name of the well-known actor, it is believed unlikely that his passports were issued under the name EMANUEL GOLDENBERG.

It is desired that complete information be secured concerning ROBINSON's citizenship. Since it appears that proof of citizenship is necessary for the securing of a passport, such information should be available at the State Department. It is noted that attempts to secure this information relative to ROBINSON from Immigration and Naturalization Service in New York and Philadelphia, have been unsuccessful. It is probable that ROBINSON'S citizenship is derived from the naturalization of his father HERRIS GOLDENBERG.

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SAC, Los Angeles

October 1, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

EDWARD O. ROBINSON, was, et al  
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Reference is made to the pending report of Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] at Los Angeles, California, dated April 12, 1945, in the above-  
captioned matter.

A review of the Bureau's files fails to disclose the receipt of a  
subsequent report. In view of the fact [redacted]

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this matter should be placed in line for investigative attention and a report  
submitted in the near future.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA** FILE NO. **100-16979**

REPORT MADE AT <b>WASHINGTON, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/20/45</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/13; 9/5; 10/16/45</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>EDWARD G. KEMPER</b>
TITLE <b>EDWARD G. ROBINSON, with aliases, et al</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

In passport application dated June 15, 1923, subject stated that he was naturalized through his father, MORITZ GOLDENBERG, who was naturalized September 20, 1909, at New York City. Subject was issued passports in 1929, 1935, 1939, 1942, and 1944.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau file No. ~~100-134209~~  
Report of Special Agent GEORGE H. FALLER dated August 6, 1945, at New York City.

**DETAILS:**

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

Confidential National Defense Informant S-20, whose identity is known to the Bureau, made available the passport record of subject which reflected the following pertinent information.

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On June 15, 1923, passport #310697 was issued to the subject for travel to Europe. He stated he was born in Bucharest, Roumania, December 12, 1893; came to the United States in 1903; that he was naturalized through his father, MORITZ GOLDENBERG, who was born in Russia in 1861, and emigrated to the United States in 1901 or 1902, and naturalized in New York City September 2, 1909. The application contains a stamp indicating that the naturalization certificate of the subject's father was seen by the Clerk of the State Department.

A review of the subject's passport file indicated that he had received the following passports.

Number	Date	Travel
74326	June 7, 1929	France, England, Holland, Belgium, Austria, Hungary
(renewed)	November 25, 1931	France, Germany, Roumania
14386	August 28, 1935	England and France
648193	July 24, 1939	France and England
21059	October 14, 1942	England
55375	June 15, 1944	England

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

FILE NO. **100-22505**

REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/3/45</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/28-30/45</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] b7C</b>
TITLE <b>EDWARD G. ROBINSON, formerly Emanuel Goldenberg, Emanuel Goldberg; [REDACTED] b7C</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY (R)</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL**

Further investigation of activities of the subjects failed to reflect activity in behalf of Soviet Government. Both, however, still active in Communist front organizations.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 100-134207.  
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] b7C  
Los Angeles, May 12, 1945.

**DETAILS:**

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EDWARD G. ROBINSON is still active in the motion picture industry, now working in a picture entitled "The Strangers" which is being produced by SAM SPIEGEL and directed by CHSON WELLES. It is understood that in the future he will make pictures for Columbia Studios.

It was noted in the Los Angeles "Times" for June 21, 1945 that ROBINSON was active in selling tickets for a Russian Relief concert, said concert being given at his home. It was noted that Mrs. WILLIAM DIETERLIN

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was among those present.

In the "Daily News" for June 18, 1945 it was noted in the column by ERSKINE JOHNSON, that the Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee, headed by EDWARD G. ROBINSON, SYLVIA SIDNEY, and BURGESS MEREDITH would make a ten-city patriotic tour of western states. This organization is believed to be a Communist controlled group.

On August 8, 1945 ROBINSON directed a letter to the Special Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles Field Office, enclosing a mimeographed sheet which he described as being the "handwork of some pro-Nazi". This mimeographed sheet was addressed to "The Jewish People of the United States" and stated that the National Committee on the Palestine Movement desires that all persons of Jewish birth sign the attached pledge. It directed that same be mailed to the Synagogue Council of America, 1181 Broadway, New York City.

Information received from known contacts of the ROBINSONS fails to reflect any further activity than indicated above, and for that reason this case is being closed. Any indication that the ROBINSONS are engaged in Russian espionage will be reported, and the investigation re-opened.

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September 18, 1946

SAC, Los Angeles

Director, FBI

EDWARD S. ROBINSON, formerly  
EMANUEL GOLDENBERG, EMANUEL GOLDENBERG  
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# Edward G. Robinson Slaps Matthew Woll

By David Platt

Orchids to Edward G. Robinson for his eloquent reply to AFL-Bureaucrat Matthew Woll's red-baiting attack on him in the American Photo-Engraver. Woll named Robinson "as engaged in treacherous activities against the United States, as being part of a Communist fifth column in America, and as sponsoring other Communist organizations pledged to struggle against the United States in the event of war with Russia." Robinson answered defiantly:

"These statements are deeply resented by me. They are false and unfounded. That is why you have used the gutter tactics of attempting to frighten me by innuendo, weasel words and false accusations, cowardly phrased in an attempt to avoid legal responsibility. You are trying to bludgeon and coerce me and millions of other American citizens like me, away from all enlightened, progressive and liberal interests and activities. But Mr. Woll, it won't work. I shall continue in the future as I have in the past to contribute as much of my time and energy as possible to the American democratic way of life. I will continue to fight as I have in the past for the preservation of liberty, freedom and justice for all, regardless of race, creed or color under the American Constitution. I will continue to support all worthy groups and organizations having these purposes—including the American Federation of Labor, of which you are a vice-president."



Woll's red-baiting of progressive stars like Robinson is part of a well organized plot to hitch the film medium to the Republican hand-wagon. That Woll does not speak for the AFL rank and file is indicated by a resolution recently passed by AFL Carpenters Local 604 of Los Angeles charging that the new RKO film No Place Like Home is "viciously anti-labor." The film contains "several scenes directed against the Carpenters Union in particular; namely, that the Brotherhood registers the amount of lumber cut with an electric saw to that of what a man would ordinarily cut by hand" the resolution stated. This assertion is a "shameful falsehood," said Bowers, secretary of the local. He urged other organizations to join with the carpenters in protesting to RKO.

M. Slinger writes: "Current ads on the new film Russia on Parade have billed it as the first all-color film from Russia. What if Nikolai Ekk's The Nightingale some years ago. This film, rich in color and warm in its working-class story, was well-received by film audiences. The Times film critic (Frank Nugent) gave it a high rating on color technique, ranking it as better than the color pictures (then) produced by Hollywood. Check the film please."

Slinger is right. Ekk's Nightingale, released here in November, 1938, was Russia's first all-color film. Both the Times and Worker reviewers said it was superior to Hollywood's Technicolor. Nugent wrote: "The color composition is vibrantly arresting, particularly in those scenes where Ekk has embodied his film in the words just above: that of ordinary black and white photography. . . . It might be noted that the Russian industry product is more successful than Hollywood's Technicolor in achieving the best color. . . . The color film, of which Hollywood's picture-matched effects have thus far been the only examples, has at last attained a high degree of artistic maturity. . . . Ekk has used color as never before to create magnificent cinematic

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Director, FBI

RE: EDWARD G. ROBINSON, WAS.  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
(Bureau File 100-337779)

Dear Sir:

It is recommended that a Security Index card be prepared relative to the individual named below:

Name: EDWARD G. ROBINSON, formerly  
Aliases: EMANUEL GOLDBERG, EMANUEL GOLDBERG

Residence Address: 910 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif.  
~~Telephone: CRestview 65116~~

Business Address: c/o FRANK VINCENT AGENCY  
212 North Canon Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif.  
~~Telephone: CRestview 82042~~

Native Born \_\_\_\_\_ Alien \_\_\_\_\_ ☒ Naturalized  
Derivative citizenship - Rumanian  
☒ Communist \_\_\_\_\_ German \_\_\_\_\_ Miscellaneous \_\_\_\_\_  
Fascist (Italian) \_\_\_\_\_ Japanese \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth 12/12/93  
Place of Birth Bucharest, Rumania  
Entered U. S. 1908  
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New York City  
Derivative citizenship obtained through  
naturalization of father MORITZ GOLDBERG  
on 9/2/09 at New York City.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood  
S. B. HOOB  
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Los Angeles, California

RE: SECURITY MATTER

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Dear Sir:

Please be advised that a security index card has been prepared at the Bureau, captioned as follows:

ROBINSON, EDWARD G.	NATURALIZED	COMMUNIST
Aliases: Samuel Goldenberg,	(Romanian)	
Samuel Goldberg	(Derivative)	

910 North Roxford Drive  
Beverly Hills, California (Res.)

c/o Frank Vincent Agency  
242 North Canon Drive  
Beverly Hills, California (Bus.)

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The caption of the card prepared and filed in your Office must be kept current at all times and the Bureau immediately advised of any changes made therein in that connection.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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# Press Agent Hoax in Brazil Makes Hero of Wrong Actor

By David Platt

Hollywood press agents in Brazil are circulating fantastic stories down there that Gary Cooper, the Hollywood actor, is "responding to the people's call against the merchants of war and destruction... defending our common sense of peace, progress and civilization, the ideals for which Roosevelt and Stalin marched together."



Fantastic is hardly the word for it. Cooper has voted the Republican ticket for years and his name has frequently been linked with undemocratic causes. If he is "responding" to the people's call, it is news to us. It is like hearing all of a sudden that Robert Taylor, president of the anti-labor Motion Picture Alliance, has joined the movement for a Third Party, or that Cecil B. DeMille, the union-buster, has come out against the Yaw-Hartley Bill, or that Walt Disney is making a pro-Negro cartoon.

## TRAGIC JOKE

Gary Cooper—the Samson Bulwar of America—it would be the supreme joke if it were not so tragic. I can think of only one reason why Hollywood's dollar diplomats south of the border should want to circulate these tall tales about the "strong, silent, lanky" actor who moves in the most exclusive social strata. Of course it is to boost his box-office appeal among people who are deeply concerned with the growth of fascist thinking in the Anglo-American circles since the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

That many sincere anti-fascists in the southern hemisphere are being victimized by these soundbites of the cash register, is shown by the following letter addressed to Gary Cooper and signed by several hundred "workers, intellectuals, students, newspapermen, artists and housewives" of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

(The signatures take up seven legal-size pages). The letter is dated July 14, 1947. It begins "Dear Gary Cooper:

"We want to communicate to you our satisfaction with your participation in the Philadelphia meeting before 99,000 persons, defending our common ideals of peace, progress and civilization, the ideals for which Roosevelt and Stalin marched together."

"In this moment, when wealings and warthumbers make the most vicious provocations, even pushing back the things they had admitted to the past, it is with joy that we see you, Gary Cooper, re-appearing from the remarkable Katharine Hepburn, who gave us enthusiasm with her speech at the Henry Wallace meeting in Hollywood. It is with deep contentment that we see one of the great stars of the U. S. movie as you are, espouse so bravely the people's cause against the merchants of war and destruction."

"We—workers, intellectuals, students, newspapermen, artists, housewives—want to bring to you in this letter our confidence that you and your comrades in Hollywood, as in the whole country, will know how to carry on the fight to see that the screen does not become entirely a servile instrument of warmongers and monopolists, and will help lead the people further and further until complete victory over Wall Street reaction and all exploiters of mankind is achieved."

## A CHEAP TRICK

The man and woman who signed the letter to Gary Cooper should know that they have been tricked. Gary Cooper has never spoken before any progressive group in Philadelphia or anywhere else.

Katharine Hepburn did make a brilliant speech against "thought-control" and "red-baiting" at the Wallace meeting in Los Angeles. If Cooper had made any speeches, which I doubt, they would most likely be attacks on the things that Hepburn stands for.

Dear friends in Sao Paulo, Brazil—there are many Hollywood stars besides Hepburn who speak up for the ideals and policies for which Franklin Roosevelt is revered throughout the world today. Gary Cooper is not among them. He is not on your side. He never was. Your very fine letter is wasted on him. This was merely a cheap trick to get you to see his films—to let your money under false pretenses.

But let not this deceitful sign of unscrupulous press agents in your country discourage you from continuing to express your feelings about the things that please you and disturb you. To Hollywood movie stars or to anyone else in North America. Only hereafter instead of writing to a Roosevelt-hater like Gary Cooper, please—please speak your mind to such forward-looking democrats as Charlie Chaplin, Bette Davis, Edward G. Robinson, Glenn Ford, Arlene Francis, Louis de Havilland, Cecilia Royle, Katharine Hepburn, Fredric March, Salome.

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Attached hereto is a complete summary of all pertinent information in the Bureau files concerning Edward G. Robinson as of July 10, 1947.

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EDWARD G. ROBINSON - Summary

(Formerly Emanuel Goldsberg and Emanuel Goldberg)

# I. BACKGROUND AND PERSONAL HISTORY

According to Who's Who in America, Edward G. Robinson was born in Bucharest, Rumania on December 12, 1893, and is the son of Morris and Sarah Goldenberg. He entered the United States in 1903 and his education was received at the College of the City of New York, Columbia University, and the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. His first professional stage appearance as an actor was in "Paid In Full" in 1913. Robinson served in the U. S. Navy during World War I and, according to the same publication, served with the Office of War Information in World War II.

# II. COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP

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The March 27, 1947 issue of the Washington Post contained an article concerning the House Committee on Un-American Activities and referred to the testimony of Jack B. Tenney, Chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee of the California Legislature and stated that Tenney had named Robinson, John Garfield, and Charles Chaplin as giving aid to the Communists.

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III. MEMBERSHIP IN AMERICAN-RUSSIAN GROUPS AND IN COMB. INFILTRATED GROUPS

A. Russian War Relief

The Los Angeles Daily News in its issue of November 14, 1941 reported that Russian War Relief would sponsor a medical aid to Russia day on December 3, 1941 and set forth the names of the active committee in charge of the ticket sales which committee list included the name of Edward G. Robinson. A surveillance by Bureau Agents on the home of [REDACTED] in Los Angeles during 1942 reflected that a meeting had been held for the purpose of inaugurating the opening of a Russian War Relief agency in Los Angeles. This meeting was held at the home of [REDACTED], and among those present were [REDACTED] and Robinson. The Baltimore office, through newspaper publicity, learned that from February 4 to February 10, 1945 the local chapter of Russian War Relief would sponsor an exhibit of photo murals entitled, "Hitler's New Order" at 10 East Lexington, Baltimore. The January 30, 1945 issue of the Baltimore Sun listed the sponsors for this exhibit and the name of Edward G. Robinson was included. Russian War Relief is actively participated in by the pro-soviet and pro-communist element in the United States. The purpose of this organization was to collect funds and material to aid Russian victims of World War II. b7c

B. Congress of American-Soviet Friendship

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[REDACTED] In the November 21, 1944 issue of the Daily Worker there appeared a reprint of a telegram from numerous Hollywood movie stars as a greeting to the American-Soviet Friendship rally which had been held at Madison Square Garden on the previous Thursday. This telegram stated in part as follows: "In time to come the recognition of the Soviet Union by the United States will be remembered as the beginning of an era which brought savagery, ignorance, and hunger to an end. It will be remembered as the first step taken towards new horizons of a world where security and culture are meant for the happiness of all people everywhere." The article reported that Robinson was one of the signers of this telegram, and among the other signers were Larry Adler, James Cagney, Charles Chaplin, Olivia De Havilland, John Garfield, Gene Kelly, Gale Sondergaard, and Orson Welles. All of the signers of this telegram listed above have been prominent in Communist front groups.

C. Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee

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The Los Angeles office advised on February 13, 1942 that the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee had issued an undated circular advertising a Childrens Fair for Refugee Youth to be held in April 1942 for the benefit of European refugee children in Mexico. This circular gave the names of the sponsors of this meeting and the name of Robinson and his wife were both included in the sponsors' list.

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee is a national Communist front organization engaged in the collection of funds to aid Spanish Republican refugees. It has propagated the Communist Party line with regard to Franco Spain. [REDACTED] 67D

#### D. Committee to Aid Russian Artists

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#### E. Russian-American Club

On July 18, 1945 Los Angeles reported that the Russian-American Club of Los Angeles had sponsored an American-Russian friendship concert at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles on May 16, 1945 and that Peggy Dreis of the Russian-American Club had furnished the Los Angeles Times with a list of those sponsoring this concert and that Robinson was one of the sponsors. Special employee [REDACTED] attended this concert and reported that Dr. Thomas L. Harris of the Russian-American Club introduced Robinson to those present and that Robinson spoke on the cementing and strengthening of Russian-American friendship. In this connection, he stated that the "Big Two" would see to it that this peace would continue for many years to come without the help of the "other one" (meaning England). 67C

#### F. American Committee for Yugoslav Relief

The Los Angeles Downtown Shopping News for February 13, 1945 contained an article regarding the Los Angeles Committee for Yugoslav Relief and furnished a list of those who had recently been named to membership on the National Committee of sponsors for the organization. This list of sponsors included Robinson. The March 28, 1945 issue of the Los Angeles Times also contained an article concerning the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief and the fact that the dedication of the organization in Los Angeles had been held in that city. The article mentioned the fact that Robinson was one of the two speakers on the occasion of the dedication.

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In this connection, the May 18, 1945 issue of Variety contained an advertisement reflecting that the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief was sponsoring a dinner at the Ambassador Hotel for these delegates, at \$10.00 per person and the advertisement listed Robinson as one of the sponsors of this dinner.

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**G. National Federation of Constitutional Liberties**

On March 21, 1945, James P. McGranery, assistant to the Attorney General, forwarded a letter dated March 15, 1945 which had been received from George Marshall, chairman of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties. Enclosed with Marshall's letter was a statement reportedly signed by numerous individuals supporting the War Department's ruling to allow Communists to serve in trusted positions in the armed forces. A portion of that statement is as follows: "..... that in granting commissions and making various other army assignments, the basic consideration is not the propriety of the individual's opinion; but his loyalty to the United States. Any position short of this would constitute a denial of constitutional rights, would fail to utilize all qualified soldiers and would undermine national unity. The question of what one thinks of Communist philosophy is not involved". Among the individuals listed as signing this statement was the name of Edward G. Robinson.

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The April 30, 1946 issue of the People's Daily World, alleged Communist controlled west coast newspaper, contained an article regarding the delegates from Los Angeles who had attended the above mentioned Detroit meeting, which this paper described as a meeting of the National Congress on Civil Rights. This article reported that the Congress had been called by a committee of persons which included Robinson, and the purpose of this meeting had been to "formulate and agree upon a national program to defeat the offensive of reactionary and Fascist forces".

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H. American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born

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On February 18, 1944, the Daily Worker carried an article regarding anti-semitism and racial bias ~~and~~ that the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born had announced that a group of nationally known figures in arts, labor, et cetera, had signed a declaration condemning discrimination against negroes and other minority groups. This article listed Robinson as one of those signing the declaration.

The New York office reported that in December 1946, a circular was distributed by the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born. This circular listed the National officers and a partial list of the sponsors of the organization. The name of Edward G. Robinson appeared in the list of sponsors.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born is a national Communist dominated and controlled organization. Its functions are varied but primarily it renders assistance to individual Communists or Communist Party sympathizers who are having difficulty with the United States government concerning immigration, naturalization and deportation. The organization has an annual program that has for its purpose the influencing of certain legislation beneficial to aliens.

IV. ACTIVITIES IN BEHALF OF AMERICAN-RUSSIAN AND COMMUNIST INFLUENCED GROUPS

A. National Council of American-Soviet Friendship

The House Committee on Un-American Activities reported that Robinson was active in the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship which was characterized by the Committee as "the present day, streamlined model of the friends of the Soviet Union" which, according to the Committee, had been founded and controlled by the Communist Party.

The Los Angeles office reported that on November 16, 1943, the Los Angeles Council of American-Soviet Friendship had sponsored a meeting in the Shrine Auditorium celebrating the success of the Moscow conference and also celebrating the 10th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and Russia. Robinson was reported to have taken an active part in the program.

The New York office advised that on November 16, 1944 the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship held a victory celebration at Madison Square Garden celebrating the 27th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Union and celebrating also the 11th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and Russia. The Daily Worker in the issue of November 31, 1944 reported that certain screen stars had wired greetings to the above mentioned Madison Square Garden meeting and listed Robinson as one of the members sending such greetings.

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Special Agent [REDACTED] on December 3, 1944 attended a United Nations victory rally at Cleveland, Ohio sponsored by the Cleveland Council on American-Soviet Friendship. [REDACTED] reported that the chairman of the meeting read greetings from Robinson in Hollywood expressing his regrets at being unable to be present, on account of production schedule, and urging close collaboration with the Soviet Union.

The Daily Worker on February 23, 1945 carried an account of a Red Army Day dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York sponsored by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship and listed Robinson as one of the sponsors on the program.

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The Novaya Zarya, a daily Russian language newspaper published in San Francisco, in its issue of December 16, 1945 carried an article on the conference by Dr. Alexis Hall, president of the Russian-American Club in Los Angeles. This article reported that William Dieterle, Robinson, and Alexander Knox, all of the motion picture industry, had been prominent in the planning and actual participation in this conference.

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C. Medical Aid to Russia

The December 3, 1941 issue of the People's Daily World contained an article regarding a concert and show which had been held at the Wilshire-Ebell Theater in Los Angeles on November 29, 1941 in behalf of Aidine for Russia. The article stated that this meeting was sponsored by the Russian-American Society for Medical Aid to Russia and that Robinson had been one of those present at this concert.

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D. American Youth for Democracy

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The Daily Worker in its issue of December 7, 1945 contained an article regarding the AYD "Welcome Home Joe" dinner to be held on December 12, 1945, at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City. This article stated that Robinson was scheduled to present an AYD award to Sergeant Bill Mauldin and that the presentation would be made at the banquet by means of a Hollywood telephone hook-up.

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The New York Daily Mirror on April 16, 1947 contained a news item regarding activities of the House Un-American Activities Committee and stated that in connection with the AYD the committee had stated: "Gracing various AYD entertainments, meetings and campaigns, or contributing to its magazine, 'Spotlight' is the usual list of sponsors which are invariably found supporting the Communist Party and its front organizations." Thereafter, the Committee cited the names of several such persons and included therein was Robinson's name.

V. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

A. Hollywood Democratic Committee

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B. Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions

The first confidential report of the Committee on Un-American Activities, first session, 79th Congress, referred to Communist activities in Hollywood, and in this connection stated that the Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions had been an outgrowth of the Hollywood Democratic Committee, and this report named Robinson as a member of the executive board of the HICASP. The publications "Variety" and "Hollywood Reporter" in their issues of July 11, 1945 printed the names of the members of the executive council of the HICASP, described as the successor to the Hollywood Democratic Committee, which council had been recently elected, and showed Robinson as one of the members of the executive council.

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C. Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions

The Sunday Worker in its issue of December 21, 1944 reported on the formation of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions. Among those named in this article as the initiating sponsors were Louis Adamic, James Cagney, Bartley Crum, Howard Fast, William S. Gaillmore, Lillian Hellman, Langston Hughes, Canada Lee, Paul Robeson, and Edward G. Robinson. The article further stated that this group was an outgrowth of the Independent Voters Committee of the Arts and Sciences for Roosevelt.

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The Los Angeles Daily News in the issue of June 13, 1945 reported that a conference on the Post-War world, sponsored by the ICCASP of Hollywood and New York, was scheduled to be held on June 22 and 23, 1945 at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City. Among those named as active in the organization of this conference were Robert Rossen, James Cagney, Eddie Cantor, Moss Hart, Lillian Hellman, Miriam Hopkins, Thomas Mann, Robinson, and Orson Welles. b7D

A deceased paid informant of the New York office, [REDACTED]

D. Miscellaneous Political Activities

The House Committee on Un-American Activities in its report to the second session of the 78th Congress in referring to the National Citizens Political Action Committee listed Robinson and his wife as members of the NCPAC. In the same report, Robinson was listed as having also been affiliated with the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

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The report of the Un-American Activities Committee, second session, 78th Congress reported that among the members of the NCPAC who had formerly been affiliated with the Hollywood Democratic Committee were Marc Connelly, E. Y. Harburg, Robinson, and Orson Welles. This report characterized the Hollywood Democratic Committee as stemming from a long line of Communist front organizations. This report also included a ballot dated July 26, 1944 showing that Robinson had been a candidate for the executive board of the Hollywood Democratic Committee.

The September 1, 1944 issue of Labor Herald, official publication in California of the CIO, reported that Clark Foreman, secretary of the NCPAC, had been in Los Angeles conferring with outstanding liberals and he would attend a meeting on the following Saturday at the home of Edward G. Robinson.

On October 18, 1944, the Daily Worker contained an article entitled: "Edward G. Robinson says Dewey's Guns Aimed at Potomac not Berlin." The article purported to be written by Edward G. Robinson, contained his photograph and was political in nature, attacking Republican Candidate Dewey.

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The January 31, 1945 issue of the Los Angeles Times reflected that the Los Angeles Division of the MCPAC had joined a mass movement to implore President Roosevelt to annul the deportation order of Harry Bridges and that a long message had been sent to the President signed by 17 persons and among those signers was Robinson's name.

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The Los Angeles Times on November 8, 1943 reported that a reception had been held at the Vice Consulate in Los Angeles on November 7, 1943. In this connection, Special Agent [REDACTED] checked the license numbers of automobiles parked in the immediate vicinity of the Consulate during the reception and among the automobiles observed was a 1940 Cadillac coupe registered in Robinson's name at his home address at 910 Fairfax Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

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VII. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

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A. Veterans of Abraham Lincoln Brigade

The New York Office reported that the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade would hold its national convention in New York City on September 21 and 22, 1945. The New York "Journal American" in its issue of September 20, 1945, contained an article commenting on the greetings which had been received by the convention from numerous individuals including Harold L. Ickes of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions; Frank Kingdom of the National Citizens Political Action Committee, Edward G. Robinson, Gene Kelly, Vito Marcantonio, and others. The article continued by referring to the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade as a "Red Fascist group which aided Russian commissars in the burning of Catholic churches during the civil war" and characterized the organization as "organized by agents of Moscow....which worked closely with Russian commissars who ordered all religion stamped out in Spain." The September 20, 1945 issue of the Daily Worker listed the names of individuals who had sent greetings to the National Convention of the organization and among these Robinson was listed. The Volunteer for Liberty quoted Robinson's greeting as "Today it is not enough just being a liberal. One must be militantly anti-Fascist and in doing so hail the valorous deeds of those who first saw the threat of Fascism in Spain and courageously fought against it, leaving us a heritage of their unselfish deeds".

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B. National Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism

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The New York office further advised that the September 19, 1945 news letter "Counter Attack", published by this committee, in the issue of September 28, 1945 also listed Robinson as a sponsor.

C. American Arts Committee for Palestine

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D. Free World Association

The Los Angeles Times in its issue of February 16, 1944 contained an advertisement of the Hollywood Free World Association which advertisement listed the names of 80 individuals. Los Angeles office reported that 20 of these 80 individuals had previously been associated in more than one instance with

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Hollywood front organizations and are recognized as party line followers. Robinson was listed by the Los Angeles office as one of these twenty.

In the February 10, 1944 issue of the Daily Worker, there appeared an article regarding a meeting of the Hollywood Free World Association held on February 5, 1944 in the Beverly Hills Hotel at which meeting Vice-President Henry A. Wallace was the principal speaker. Both Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Robinson were reported in this article to have been present.

**D. Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy**

The People's Daily World, alleged Communist controlled west coast newspaper in its issue of September 6, 1946, announced that a conference on China and the Far East would be held at San Francisco in October and that such a meeting would be sponsored jointly by the Committee to Win the Peace and the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy. The San Francisco Chronicle in its issue of September 6, 1946 reported the names of some of the individuals who were sponsoring this conference as follows: Harry Bridges, Bartley C. Crum, Joseph Curran, Representative Hugh De Lacy, Attorney General Robert W. Kenney of California, Thomas Mann, Vito Marcantonio, Edward G. Robinson, and Edgar Snow.

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**E. People's Educational Center**

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**F. General**

The Daily Record of January 18, 1939 referred to a meeting of the 5th Congress for Peace and Democracy which had been held January 6 to 8, 1939 at Washington, D. C. and also mentioned the Hollywood Committee of Fifty-Six, and that 56 film stars, actors, and producers had petitioned the President to place an embargo on all German made goods until Hitler ceased aggression against smaller nations and the peace of the world. Among those listed as signing the petition were Myrna Loy, Paul Muni, Robinson, the Warner Brothers, and James Cagney.

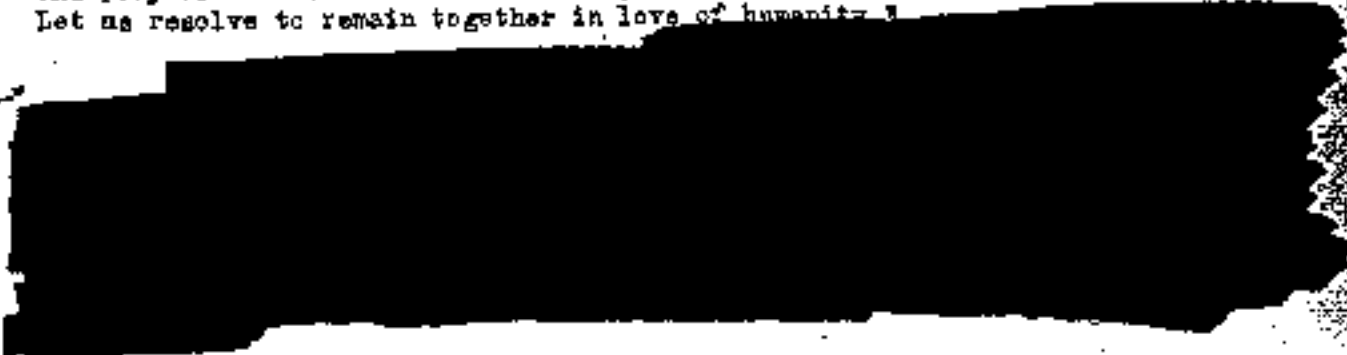
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In the September 4, 1943 issue of the People's Daily World, previously identified, appeared an article regarding the recent visit to Los Angeles of Red Army Lieutenant Colonel Itzik Peffer and Professor Solomon Michaela as representatives of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee of the USSR. The article stated that these two visitors had spoken before 7000 persons in the Shrine Auditorium and that Robinson was one of the other speakers at this meeting.

The Daily Worker in the issue of August 30, 1943 in connection with this same meeting reported that Robinson had been one of the speakers and had "brought down the house by speaking at length in English, Yiddish and Russian." Robinson was quoted in this article as stating "The entire American people and the peoples of the Soviet Union have joined together in their hatred of Hitlerism. Let us resolve to remain together in love of humanity."

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The Washington Times-Herald in the issue of May 31, 1944 in referring to investigations made by "Congressional investigators" stated: "For their part in making missions to Moscow and North Star, two motion pictures lauding the Soviets, and other valuable cooperation, the following have been listed as worthy of the Order of Lenin or some similar testimonial of official gratitude: Samuel Goldwyn, Jack Warner, Edward G. Robinson, Walter Huston, Oscar Homolka, Victor Francen, Jay Leyda, Kenneth Kipfert, and Joris Ivens."

On January 30, 1946, Gerald L. K. Smith addressed to members of the Congressional Committee for the Investigation of Un-American Activities a mimeographed statement of his position. In this statement he referred to his recent appearance at Polytechnic High School in Los Angeles where a group of Hollywood stars in cooperation with the Mobilization for Democracy had organized a picket line of 30,000 persons. Smith stated that among those who gave moral and financial support to the Mobilization for Democracy were Eddie Cantor, Orson Welles, Robinson, and Frank Sinatra. Also in this statement, Smith challenged the Committee to interrogate Robinson, whom he stated had been on the picket line at that meeting.

In the October 15, 1946 issue of the Daily Worker in a column conducted by David Platt, he praised Robinson for his reply to Matthew Woll's, "Red Hating Attack" on Robinson in the American Photoengraver. Woll quoted Robinson's reply as follows: "These statements are deeply resented by me. They are false and unfounded. That is why you have used the Hitlerian tactics of

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attempting to frighten me by innuendo, weasel words and false accusations, cowardly phrased, in an attempt to avoid legal responsibility. You are trying to bludgeon and coerce me and millions of other American citizens like me. We form all enlightened, progressive, and liberal interests and activities. But Mr. Woll, it won't work. I shall continue in the future as I have in the past to contribute as much of my time and energy as possible to the American democratic way of life. I will continue to fight as I have in the past for the preservation of liberty, freedom, and justice for all, regardless of race, creed, or color under the American Constitution. I will continue to support all worthy groups and organizations having these purposes—including the American Federation of Labor, of which you are a Vice-President....."

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DATE: 12-6-47

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON,  
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There is attached hereto a memorandum relating to Edward G. Robinson, formerly Emanuel Goldenberg and Emanuel Goldberg, which sets forth data secured from public sources and which has heretofore been approved by the Director, Mr. Tolson, Mr. Tamm, [REDACTED] Mr. Ladd and Mr. Nichols.

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EDWARD G. ROBINSON

(Formerly Emanuel Goldenberg and Emanuel Goldberg)

I. BACKGROUND AND PERSONAL HISTORY

According to "Who's Who in America," Edward G. Robinson was born in Bucharest, Roumania, on December 12, 1893, and is the son of Morris and Sarah Goldenberg. He entered the United States in 1903 and his education was received at the College of the City of New York, Columbia University, and the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. His first professional stage appearance as an actor was in "Paid in Full" in 1913. Robinson served in the U.S. Navy during World War I and, according to the same publication, served with the Office of War Information in World War II.

II. MEMBERSHIP IN AMERICAN-RUSSIAN GROUPS AND IN COMMUNIST INFILTRATED GROUPS

A. Russian War Relief

The "Los Angeles Daily News" in its issue of November 14, 1941, reported that Russian War Relief would sponsor a medical aid to Russia day on December 3, 1941, and set forth the names of the active committees in charge of the ticket sales, which committee list included the name of Edward G. Robinson. (100-37226-32, p. 3)

Through newspaper publicity, it was learned that from February 4, to February 10, 1945, the Baltimore Chapter of Russian War Relief would sponsor an exhibit of photo murals entitled, "Hitler's New Order" at 10 East Lexington, Baltimore. The January 30, 1945 issue of the "Baltimore Sun" listed the sponsors for this exhibit and the name of Edward G. Robinson was included. (100-37226-441, p. 4)

B. Congress of American Soviet Friendship

In the November 21, 1944, issue of the "Daily Worker" there appeared a reprint of a telegram from numerous Hollywood movie stars as a greeting to the American Soviet Friendship rally which had been held at Madison Square

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Garden on the previous Thursday. This telegram stated in part as follows: "In time to come the recognition of the Soviet Union by the United States will be remembered as the beginning of an era which brought savagery, ignorance, and hunger to an end. It will be remembered as the first step taken towards new horizons of a world where security and culture are meant for the happiness of all people everywhere." The article reported that Robinson was one of the signers of this telegram, and among the other signers were Larry Adler, James Cagney, Charles Chaplin, Olivia De Havilland, John Garfield, Gene Kelly, Gale Sondergaard, and Orson Welles. (100-1146951-4)

C. Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee

It was reported on February 13, 1943, that the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee had issued an undated circular advertising a Childrens Fair for Refugee Youth to be held in April 1942 for the benefit of European refugee children then in Mexico. This circular gave the names of the sponsors of this meeting and the names of Robinson and his wife were both included in the sponsors' list. (100-9061-293)

D. American Committee for Yugoslav Relief

The "Los Angeles Downtown Shopping News" for February 13, 1945, contained an article regarding the Los Angeles Committee for Yugoslav Relief and furnished a list of those who had recently been named to membership on the National Committee of sponsors for the organization. This list of sponsors included Robinson. (100-332879-4, p. 6)

The March 23, 1945 issue of the "Los Angeles Times" also contained an article concerning the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief and the fact that the dedication of the organization in Los Angeles had been held in that city. The article mentioned the fact that Robinson was one of the two speakers on the occasion of the dedication. (100-332879-5, p. 5)

The May 18, 1945, issue of "Variety" contained an advertisement reflecting that the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief was sponsoring a dinner at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles for the Yugoslav delegates to the San Francisco Conference, at \$10.00 per person and the advertisement listed Robinson as one of the sponsors of this dinner. (100-332879-7, p. 3)



#### E. National Federation of Constitutional Liberties

The April 30, 1946, issue of the "People's Daily World," contained an article regarding the delegates from Los Angeles who had attended a national meeting in Detroit, Michigan, on April 27 and 28, 1946, which this paper described as a meeting of the National Congress on Civil Rights. This article reported that the Congress had been called by a committee of persons which included Robinson, and the purpose of this meeting had been to "formulate and agree upon a national program to defeat the offensive of reactionary and fascist forces." (100-334621-11, p. 3)

#### F. American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born

On February 18, 1944, the "Daily Worker" carried an article regarding anti-semitism and racial bias which stated that the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born had announced that a group of nationally known figures in arts, labor, et cetera, had signed a declaration condemning discrimination against negroes and other minority groups. This article listed Robinson as one of those signing the declaration. (100-30781-A)

### III. ACTIVITIES IN BEHALF OF AMERICAN-RUSSIAN AND COMMUNIST INFLUENCED GROUPS

#### A. National Council of American Soviet Friendship

It was reported that on November 16, 1944, the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship held a victory celebration at Madison Square Garden celebrating the 27th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Union and celebrating also the 11th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and Russia. The "Daily Worker" in the issue of November 21, 1944, reported that certain screen stars had wired greetings to the above mentioned Madison Square Garden meeting and listed Robinson as one of the members sending such greetings.

(100-344964-572, p. 64)

The "Daily Worker" on February 23, 1945, carried an account of a Red Army Day dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York sponsored by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship and listed Robinson as one of the sponsors on the program. (100-829-456, p. 30)

B. Medical Aid to Russia

The December 2, 1941, issue of the "People's Daily World" contained an article regarding a concert and show which had been held at the Wilshire-Ebell Theater in Los Angeles on November 29, 1941, in behalf of iodine for Russia. The article stated that this meeting was sponsored by the Russian-American Society for Medical Aid to Russia and that Robinson had been one of those present at this concert. (100-37226-38, p. 6)

C. American Youth for Democracy

The "Daily Worker" in its issue of December 7, 1945, contained an article regarding the AYD "Welcome Home Joe" Dinner to be held on December 12, 1945, at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City. This article stated that Robinson was scheduled to present an AYD award to Sergeant Bill Mauldin and that the presentation would be made at the banquet by means of a Hollywood telephone hook-up. (61-777-1)

IV. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

A. Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions

The publications "Variety" and "Hollywood Reporter" in their issues of July 11, 1945, printed the names of the members of the executive council of the Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions, described as the successor to the Hollywood Democratic Committee, which council had been recently elected, and showed Robinson as one of the members of the executive council. (100-157270-21, p. 11)

B. Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions

The "Sunday Worker" in its issue of December 21, 1944, reported on the formation of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions. Among those named in this article as the initiating sponsors were Louis Adamic, James Cagney, Bartley Crum, Howard Fast, William S. Gaillmore, Lillian Hellman, Langston Hughes, Canada Lee, Paul Robeson, and Edward G. Robinson. The article further stated that this group was an outgrowth of the Independent Voters Committee of the Arts and Sciences for Roosevelt.

(100-338692-46)

The "Los Angeles Daily News" in its issue of June 13, 1945, reported that a conference on the postwar world, sponsored by the ICCASF of Hollywood and New York, was scheduled to be held on June 22 and 23, 1945 at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City. Among those named as active in the organization of this conference were Robert Rossen, James Cagney, Eddie Cantor, Moss Hart, Lillian Hellman, Miriam Hopkins, Thomas Mann, Robinson, and Orson Welles.

(100-235432-15)

C. Miscellaneous Political Activities

The September 1, 1944, issue of "Labor Herald," official publication in California of the CIO, reported that Clark Foreman, secretary of the MCPAC, had been in Los Angeles conferring with outstanding liberals and he would attend a meeting on the following Saturday at the home of Edward G. Robinson.

(100-197270-13, p. 13)

On October 16, 1944, the "Daily Worker" contained an article entitled "Edward G. Robinson says Dewey's Guns Aimed at Potomac not Berlin." The article purported to be written by Edward G. Robinson contained his photograph and was political in nature, attacking Republican Candidate Dewey. (40-10689 A)

The January 31, 1945 issue of the "Los Angeles Times" reflected that the Los Angeles Division of the MCPAC had joined a mass movement to implore President Roosevelt to annul the deportation order of Harry Bridges and that a long message had been sent to the President signed by seventeen persons, and among those signers was Robinson's name. (65-32677-26, p. 9)

F. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

A. Veterans of Abraham Lincoln Brigade

It was reported that the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade would hold its national convention in New York City on September 21 and 22,

1946. The New York "Journal American" in its issue of September 20, 1946, contained an article commenting on the greetings which had been received by the convention from numerous individuals including Harold L. Ickes of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions; Frank Kingdom of the National Citizens Political Action Committee, Edward G. Robinson, Gene Kelly, Vito Marcantonio, and others. The article continued by referring to the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade as a "Red Fascist group which aided Russian commissars in the burning of Catholic churches during the civil war" and characterized the organization as "organized by agents of Moscow.... which worked closely with Russian commissars who ordered all religion stamped out in Spain." (100-7060-352, p. 7)

The September 20, 1946 issue of the "Daily Worker" listed the names of individuals who had sent greetings to the National Convention of the organization and among these Robinson was listed. (100-7060-352, P. 7)

The "Volunteer for Liberty" quoted Robinson's greeting as, "Today it is not enough just being a liberal. One must be militantly anti-Fascist and in doing so hail the valorous deeds of those who first saw the threat of Fascism in Spain and courageously fought against it, leaving us a heritage of their unselfish deeds." (100-7060-352, P. 7)

#### D. Free World Association

The "Los Angeles Times" in its issue of February 15, 1944, contained an advertisement of the Hollywood Free World Association which advertisement listed the names of eighty individuals, and Robinson was among those listed. (100-90431-113, p. 9)

In the February 10, 1944 issue of the "Daily Worker," there appeared an article regarding a meeting of the Hollywood Free World Association held on February 5, 1944, in the Beverly Hills Hotel at which meeting Vice-President Henry A. Wallace was the principal speaker. Both Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Robinson were reported in this article to have been present. (100-138754-A)

#### G. Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy

The "People's Daily World" in its issue of September 6, 1946, announced that a conference on China and the Far East would be held at San Francisco in October and that such a meeting would be sponsored jointly by the Committee to Win the Peace and the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern

Policy. The "San Francisco Chronicle" in its issue of September 6, 1940, reported the names of some of the individuals who were sponsoring this conference as follows: Harry Bridges, Bartley C. Cruz, Joseph Curran, Representative Hugh De Lacy, Attorney General Robert W. Keeney of California, Thomas Mann, Vito Marcantonio, Edward G. Robinson, and Edgar Snow. (100-344457-75 p.11)

D. General

The "Daily Record" of January 18, 1939, referred to a meeting of the 5th Congress for Peace and Democracy which had been held January 6 to 8, 1939 at Washington, D. C. and also mentioned the Hollywood Committee of Fifty-Six, and that 56 film stars, actors, and producers had petitioned the President to place an embargo on all German made goods until Hitler ceased aggression against smaller nations and the peace of the world. Among those listed as signing the petition were Myrna Loy, Paul Muni, Robinson, the Warner Brothers, and James Cagney. (61-7559-2506X2)

In the September 4, 1943, issue of the "People's Daily World" appeared an article regarding the recent visit to Los Angeles of Red Army Lieutenant Colonel Itzik Yeffer and Professor Solomon Michaels as representatives of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee of the USSR. The article stated that these two visitors had spoken before 7,000 persons in the Shrine Auditorium and that Robinson was one of the other speakers at this meeting.

(100-225072-A)

The "Daily Worker" in the issue of August 30, 1943, in connection with this same meeting reported that Robinson had been one of the speakers and had "brought down the house by speaking at length in English, Yiddish and Russian." Robinson was quoted in this article as stating, "The entire American people and the peoples of the Soviet Union have joined together in their hatred of Hitlerism. Let us resolve to remain together in love of humanity." (100-225072-A)

The "Washington Times-Herald" in the issue of May 31, 1944, in referring to investigations made by "Congressional investigators" stated: "For their part in making 'Mission to Moscow' and 'North Star,' two motion pictures lauding the Soviets, and other valuable cooperation, the following have been listed as worthy of the Order of Lenin or some similar testimonial of official gratitude: Samuel Goldwyn, Jack Warner, Edward G. Robinson, Walter Huston, Oscar Homolka, Victor Francen, Jay Leyda, Mennart Kippert, and Joris Ivens." (64-1005 D-2)

In the October 15, 1946, issue of the "Daily Worker" in a column conducted by David Platt, he praised Robinson for his reply to Matthew Woll's "Red Baiting Attack" on Robinson in the American Photoengraver. Woll quoted Robinson's reply as follows: "These statements are deeply resented by me. They are false and unfounded. That is why you have used the Hitlerian tactics of attempting to frighten me by innuendo, weasel words and false accusations, cowardly phrased, in an attempt to avoid legal responsibility. You are trying to bludgeon and coerce me and millions of other American citizens like me. We form all enlightened, progressive, and liberal interests and activities. But Mr. Woll, it won't work. I shall continue in the future as I have in the past to contribute as much of my time and energy as possible to the American democratic way of life. I will continue to fight as I have in the past for the preservation of liberty, freedom, and justice for all, regardless of race, creed, or color under the American Constitution. I will continue to support all worthy groups and organizations having these purposes--including the American Federation of Labor, of which you are a Vice-President....."

(94-4-2414-A)

The March 27, 1947, issue of the "Washington Post" contained an article concerning the House Committee on Un-American Activities and referred to the testimony of Jack B. Tenney, Chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee of the California Legislature and stated that Tenney had named Robinson, John Garfield, and Charles Chaplin as giving aid to the Communists.

(61-7582-2)



United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Los Angeles, California  
February 10 - 1948



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO  
FILE NO. 100-22505

RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL  
OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title EDWARD G. ROBINSON

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 4-11-88 BY SP-6 BJS/jat

Character of Case INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
Field Office Los Angeles  
Symbol Number  
Type of Surveillance (Technical) ~~xx~~  
~~Microphone~~

1. Name and address of subject:

Edward G. Robinson 910 N. Roxford Drive, Beverly Hills, California  
Crestview 8-5115 BRADSHAW 2-3662

2. Location of technical operation:

Central Plant

3. Other technical surveillances on same subject:

Technical surveillance installed previously on 11/20/44; discontinued  
on 1/27/45.

4. Cost and manpower involved:

\$66.50  
Manpower at central plant

5. Adequacy of security:

Security assured.

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6. Type of case involved:  
Internal Security - R

7. Connection or status of subject in the case:

Edward G. Robinson is a close associate of [REDACTED]

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8. Specific information being sought:

To determine whether or not Edward G. Robinson is engaged in espionage activities for the Soviet Government. [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] could possibly be acting as a Soviet agent.

9. Reasons for believing the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance:

Robinson is a well-known Hollywood actor and a technical surveillance offers one of the few avenues of obtaining information.

10. Importance of case and subject:

There is an excellent possibility that Edward G. Robinson is operating as a Russian espionage agent.



11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means (Explain in detail):

Because of his position in Hollywood, it is difficult to obtain information through informants. A physical surveillance can only be employed from time to time and it is believed that his house has special wiring. and, for this reason, it is difficult to develop confidential informants which might furnish valuable information. It is therefore believed that a technical surveillance will be a valuable aid in determining his present activities.

12. Risks of detection involved:

Minimal

13. Probable length of technical surveillance:

Six months

14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency (name specific official, title and agency):

No

15. Remarks:

16. Recommendation of Assistant Director:

17. Recommendation of Assistants to the Director:

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SAC, Los Angeles

March 4, 1948

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Director, FBI

EX-6 EDWARD C. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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DATE 4-11-88 BY SP-1 JEL

Reference is made to your letter of February 20, 1948, recommending the installation of a technical surveillance covering the residence of the captioned individual.

A review of this file at the Bureau reflects that subject was under active investigation by your office during the years 1944 and 1945. Considerable background information and information relating to his contacts and activities was obtained, but the investigation failed to disclose that he was engaged in espionage activity. For that reason the case was closed. It is noted that a technical surveillance was utilized from November 20, 1944, until January 27, 1945.

It is requested that you advise as to whether or not you have any additional specific information indicating that Robinson is engaged in espionage activities and, if so, the nature of the contemplated investigation. The Bureau is aware of the fact that [REDACTED]

However, it is not believed that these allegations are sufficient to warrant the re-opening of this investigation, in view of the negative results of the previous extensive investigation. Further, it is not believed that an investigation of Robinson's activities will be productive unless conducted in a most comprehensive manner utilizing all techniques available to the Bureau.

If additional information in your possession indicates Robinson may be at present engaged in espionage activities, it is desired that you furnish the Bureau a summary of this information and an outline of your contemplated investigative activity, subsequent to which the Bureau will again give consideration to granting authority for the establishment of a technical surveillance.

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Director, FBI

March 15, 1948

Re: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
(Bureau File 100-337779)

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It is appreciated that proper investigation of ROBINSON will not be an easy matter and that, as the Bureau has stated, it will not be productive unless conducted in a most comprehensive manner, utilizing all available techniques. It is contemplated that no small amount of the investigative effort will be directed toward developing full information concerning ROBINSON's [REDACTED] b7D

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Director, FBI

March 15, 1948

Re: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Another phase of the investigation will be aimed at developing, as far as possible, the full travel history of ROBINSON in order to better evaluate his activities.

Every effort possible will be made to accomplish an examination of his personal effects. It is contemplated that this will be extremely difficult, if not impossible, [REDACTED] b7D

Of course, the usual investigation will be made of ROBINSON's current activities. [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] and surveillances will be conducted when they appear advisable. The technical surveillance requested would be necessary to develop these activities and also preliminary to the possible examination of effects.

[REDACTED] b7D

It is the opinion of this office that further investigation of ROBINSON should be conducted, particularly having in mind the fact that he might be subsequently interviewed with beneficial results, even though the further investigation is negative.

It is requested, if the Bureau authorizes additional investigation of ROBINSON and the technical surveillance, that it submit any suggestions it might have as to how this investigation should be carried on.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED] b7C

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*R. B. Hood*  
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April 13, 1948

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BY SPECIAL MESSAGE

DECLASSIFIED BY SP8/HJ/ab MEMORANDUM TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

ON 4-11-89

Re: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
ESPIONAGE - R

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In connection with the investigation of Soviet espionage in the United States it has been ascertained that the captioned individual is [REDACTED]

In order to ascertain the complete activities of Robinson, it is believed necessary to utilize all possible technical assistance.

It is recommended that you authorize the installation of a technical surveillance covering the residence of Edward G. Robinson, 910 North Maxford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, telephone CRestview 6-5115 and BRadshaw 2-3562.

Mr. Tolson  
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Mr. Quinn  
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CURT FROM D. G.  
TIME 4:10 PM  
DATE 4-14-48  
BY [REDACTED]

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director

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United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California  
March 12 - 1948

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4-11-88  
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Declassify on: OADR

Director, FBI

Attention: FBI Laboratory

Re: EDWARD G. ROBINSON, with alias  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Dear Sir:

With reference to the above-captioned individual, it is pointed out that he is the subject of a closed Internal Security - R investigation in the Los Angeles Division.

A review of the Los Angeles files reflects a definite possibility that EDWARD G. ROBINSON, [redacted] had at one time or another engaged in Soviet espionage activity.

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SAC, Los Angeles

Director, FBI

EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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DATE 4-20-88 BY SP10/JS

Re Los Angeles letter dated April 12, 1948, requesting the Bureau  
to determine through appropriate sources information regarding Robinson's  
[REDACTED]

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Consideration will be given to the Los Angeles request upon the  
return of [REDACTED] to the United States.

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cc: New York  
cc: San Francisco  
cc: Washington Field Office

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

April 13, 1948

MEMORANDUM TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Re: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
ESPIONAGE - R

In connection with the investigation of Soviet espionage in the United States it has been ascertained that the captioned individual is

In order to ascertain the complete activities of Robinson, it is believed necessary to utilize all possible technical assistance.

It is recommended that you authorize the installation of a technical surveillance covering the residence of Edward G. Robinson, 510 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, telephones Creatview 6-5115 and Bradshaw 2-3562.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
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ON 4-11-88

April 24, 1948

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Director, FBI

RE: EDWARD G. ROBINSON, wa; ET AL.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Dear Sir:

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau, April 12, 1948, setting forth the information that subject [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Since no further investigation is presently outstanding in instant case in the New York Office, this matter is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHWARTZ  
SAC

cc Los Angeles

100-60192

(U. S. A. 100-60192)

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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ON 4-11-88

Director, FBI

Re: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Dear Sir:

(U) [redacted] granting  
authority for technical installation on the residence of the above-  
captioned Subject, EDWARD G. ROBINSON, 910 N. Rexford Drive,  
Beverly Hills, California, telephone CR. 6-5115 and BR. 2-3562.

In view of the above, the installation on the aforementioned  
residence will be held in accordance [redacted]

The Bureau will be advised of the time, date, installa-  
tion, symbol number and plant location when the technical is  
installed.

Very truly yours,

[redacted] b7c  
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cc: 100-22505

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Re: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
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Dear Sir:

Re Los Angeles letters to the Bureau dated March 15, 1948, and  
April 12, 1948.

With reference to the investigation of EDWARD G. ROBINSON, supple-  
mental information relative to his activities is being set forth. The Los  
Angeles Office would like to offer suggestions relative to the investigation  
of the above captioned individual.

b7c A review of the Los Angeles indices determined that [redacted] is  
identical with [redacted] Los Angeles, California.  
She is known to have been in close association with Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD G.  
ROBINSON during December, 1944, and January, 1945.

b7c In November, 1941, [redacted] identical with [redacted]  
was the victim of an extortion investigation by the Los Angeles Office.

b7c The Los Angeles indices show that [redacted] also known  
as [redacted] was born [redacted] Russia.  
He entered the United States from Canada in [redacted]

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April 22, 1948

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The Los Angeles indices also reflect that [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] were sponsors of the Russian American Friendship Concert held at the Shrine Auditorium on May 16, 1945.

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[REDACTED]

At the time of the previously mentioned extortion case, [REDACTED] b7C  
addressed a letter to the Los Angeles Office in which he expressed his appreciation and high regard to the office for the efficient manner in which this investigation was handled. He stated he knew the Director personally and added that if he could ever be of service to this office or to the Bureau, he would be very happy to do so. In view of this, it is believed that [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] could be successfully interviewed regarding his contacts with the Complate and his association with the ROBINSONs.

The Los Angeles Division requests authority to interview Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON some time in the near future regarding the various matters mentioned in this and reference letters. The Los Angeles Office also requests authority to interview [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] regarding the matters mentioned herein. It is contemplated that [REDACTED] will be interviewed some time prior to interviewing ROBINSON. The interview with the ROBINSONs, if authorized, will include inquiry regarding [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] This interview will, of course, be conducted in such a manner as not to disclose the Bureau's interest in [REDACTED]

The Bureau granted permission for a technical installation on ROBINSON by teletype dated April 17, 1948. [REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] In view of this information, it is believed advisable to hold up this surveillance [REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED]

Director, FBI

April 22, 1948

Re: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
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The Bureau is requested to advise the Los Angeles Division upon the advisability of interviewing the aforementioned persons and to submit any suggestions regarding the future handling of this investigation.

Very truly yours,

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Reference is made to your letter dated April 22, 1948, in which you requested authority to interview [redacted]

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[redacted] indicated in your letter and from a review of the Bureau files [redacted] has been in contact with [redacted] the captioned subject. It is believed that he may be in possession of considerable information of value to the Bureau, but it is also believed that further inquiries should be made concerning him in order to attempt to determine whether or not he would maintain an interview in confidence. It is, therefore, suggested that you may desire to conduct some further inquiries into his background and present activities, and if the results of such inquiries are negative, again request the Bureau for authority to interview [redacted]

It is not believed that any consideration should be given to interviewing Subject Robinson until such time as the investigation indicates that he is engaged in espionage or intelligence activities on behalf of the Soviets.

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Re: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
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Dear Sir:

Rebulet March 4, 1948.

The Los Angeles Office is desirous of reopening this investigation  
in view of the facts set out below:

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2. [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED]

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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**SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: [REDACTED]

DATE: October 10, 1950

FROM: [REDACTED]

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PURPOSE:

To recommend that the Security Index card for captioned subject be retained for the present in the Special Section of the Security Index until such time as a determination is made as to whether or not subject will be interviewed.

BACKGROUND:

Investigation of the captioned subject was reopened in February, 1948, to determine whether or not he is engaged in Soviet espionage activities. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He has been in contact with Soviet officials stationed in the United States, some of whom have been identified as Soviet intelligence agents. On October 3, 1950, the Los Angeles Office was requested to submit a recommendation as to whether or not the subject should be interviewed.

It is believed that in view of the fact that subject may have been engaged in espionage activities, his Security Index card should be retained in the Special Section of the Security Index until a decision has been made as to whether or not Robinson will be interviewed.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the SI card on Robinson be retained for the present in the Special Section.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : All Supervisors in the Espionage and  
Internal Security Sections

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: SPECIAL SECTION OF THE SECURITY INDEX

DATE: September 28, 1950

EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
100-337779

PURPOSE:

To provide for a review of all cases involving subjects currently in the Special Section of the Security Index for the purpose of determining whether or not they are properly included therein and to provide for instructions to be issued to the field to submit information in summary type reports suitable for distribution concerning these subjects.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

As you are aware, the Special Section of the Security Index contains the names of individuals who should be given special consideration as to the desirability of their apprehension in the event of hostilities. This Special Section is broken down into six categories as follows:

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- 1. Espionage Subjects
- 2. Government Employees
- 3. Prominent Individuals
- 4. Atomic Energy Employees
- 5. Foreign Government Employees
- 6. United Nations Personnel

There are over 200 names in the Special Section and since the Bureau will be taking the responsibility for allowing these people to be at large after the start of hostilities while separate consideration is given to the desirability of apprehending them, the investigative files regarding these subjects should be examined now, for the purpose of determining whether the national security might better be served by including the names of various individuals now in the Special Section along with the others in the Security Index.

Each Supervisor should review those cases of individuals assigned to him who are now in the Special Section of the Security Index to determine if they are properly included therein. At the conclusion of the review, each case should be the subject of a memorandum which will indicate why the name should be deleted from the Special Section or why the name should be continued in the Special Section. These memoranda will then be correlated by Supervisor Whitson, Room 1647, and a summary memorandum of recommendations will be prepared.

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It will then be necessary for each Supervisor to whom any of the subjects now included in the Special Section of the Security Index are assigned to issue instructions to the Field for summary type reports concerning those subjects to be continued in the Special Section so that these reports will be readily available for dissemination in the event of an emergency. These instructions should also provide that periodic reports suitable for dissemination be submitted covering the activities of those subjects retained in the Special Section.

With regard to those individuals who are to be deleted from the Special Section and placed in the Security Index for apprehension in the event of an emergency, each Supervisor, in reviewing his case files should determine whether reports now in the file are suitable for dissemination. If necessary, the Field should be instructed to prepare a summary type report suitable for dissemination on such subjects as are being placed in the regular Security Index.

Factors to Consider in Connection with Review:

With regard to all subjects now in the Special Section of the Security Index, you should consider the following five factors in determining whether they should be continued in the Special Section:

1. Is the category in which they are placed supported by the facts of the case?

2. Are any members of their households in the Security Index? If so, are they in the Special Section?

3. Have we ever attempted to interview the subject?

4. Could we adequately cover the subject's activities during the opening days of hostilities?

5. With regard to the application of the Emergency Detention Act of 1950, do we have evidence of the following:

A. Instructions or assignment in the Espionage, Counterespionage or Sabotage service or procedures of a foreign country, foreign political party or the Communist Party, USA.

B. Any past acts of Espionage or Sabotage or participation in any attempt or conspiracy to commit Espionage or Sabotage.

C. Holding of membership at any time after January 1, 1949 in the Communist Party, USA or any other organization seeking the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence.

Espionage subjects are in the Special Section because:

1. Apprehension would destroy chances of penetration and control of an operating Soviet Espionage parallel, or
2. Apprehension would destroy known chances of penetration and control of a "sleeper" parallel.

Additional considerations with regard to Espionage subjects are:

1. Can we present the facts concerning the subject's Espionage activity to the Attorney General now?
2. If subject is a member of the Communist Party, USA, or an official of a party front, are others in a comparable position in the Communist Party, USA, or front in his locality in the Security Index?
3. Do we have sufficient data exclusive of the subject's Espionage connections to hold the subject under the Detention Program?
4. Is the subject employed by a foreign government or employed by or accredited to an international organization?

Government employees are in the Special Section because:

1. The case is still pending under the Loyalty Program, or
2. The case has been determined in the subject's favor by the Loyalty Board.

Additional consideration to be given Government employees is the question of whether our investigation has developed additional evidence or pertinent information since the last referral to the Government Board.

Also, in the case of Government employees, is there any logical objection to presenting the name of the Government employee, at this time, to the Attorney General for inclusion on his Master Warrant of Arrest?

Prominent individuals are in the Special Section because:

1. Apprehension might be attended by considerable publicity tending to make a martyr of the subject, or
2. Apprehension might affect adversely other persons not on the Security Index who are necessary to the war effort.

Additional considerations in regard to prominent individuals are as follows:

1. Why, specifically, is the subject considered a prominent individual?
2. Is the person whom the subject's arrest might affect adversely still necessary to the war effort?
3. What elements need to be developed in order to make the case against the subject a strong case?
4. What could the subject reasonably be expected to do during the first few days of hostilities that could injure the United States and thereby embarrass the Bureau, assuming he was not apprehended at the outset of the Detention Program?
5. What is the reasonable chance of developing data sufficient to make a strong case in the first few days after the outbreak of hostilities?

Atomic Energy employees are in the Special Section because their apprehension must be cleared with Atomic Energy Commission representatives in order to avoid interference with Atomic Energy work. With regard to these individuals, the following additional matters should be considered:

1. Is the subject working for the Atomic Energy Commission, for a contractor, or for a subcontractor? If so, where?
2. Does the subject have access to restricted material?
3. Does the subject have access to restricted areas?

Foreign Government employees are in the Special Section because we can only apprehend those employed by Governments with which we are at war. Additional matters to be considered in connection with

this category are:

1. Is the subject secretly serving the Soviets though in the employ of a nonsatellite nation which may be friendly or neutral in the event of war?

2. Does the subject have access to classified material which might relate to the conduct of the war by the United States and its allies?

United Nations and international organization employees are in the Special Section by reason of the fact that they are employees of international organizations regardless of their national origin, and notification must be given to the Secretary of the United Nations regarding their detention.

In reviewing cases involving United Nations employees regardless of their national origin, you should consider the advisability of presenting their names at this time to the Attorney General for inclusion in his Master Warrant of Arrest in order that he can take the necessary steps regarding notification to the Department of State and the United Nations in the event of emergency.

ACTION:

Memoranda regarding each of the subjects assigned to any Supervisor should be submitted no later than the close of business Wednesday, October 11, 1950. The memoranda should contain a recommendation to continue the individual subject in the Special Section or should contain a recommendation that he be removed from the Special Section and placed in the regular Security Index. Each memorandum should show that consideration has been given to each of the items set forth in the preceding portion of these instructions.

Instructions to the field regarding summaries will be sent after the correlated summary is approved.

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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_PURPOSE

To recommend that this case not be referred to the department at the present time for consideration under Section 20 of the Internal Security Act of 1950. Subject has been [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] associated with a number of Communist front groups, and has been in contact with various Soviet officials in the United States including some who were known to be Soviet Intelligence agents. b7D

BACKGROUND

The subject was born in Rumania on December 12, 1893. He is a citizen of the United States by derivation through his father's naturalization.

Investigation of subject's activities was initiated in August, 1944 as a result of information available indicating subject's association with a number of Communist front groups, and organizations dominated by the Communists. In addition, information was available indicating frequent contacts between the subject and Soviet officials in the United States, some of whom were known to be acting as Soviet Intelligence agents in this country.

[REDACTED] In addition, subject is alleged to have held secret meetings in his home attended by Communist writers, actors and others in the motion picture industry. Investigation has disclosed contacts between the subject and several Soviet officials in the United States. b7D

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In the recent past subject has been making efforts to clear his name, and in this connection testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He forwarded a copy of the transcript of his testimony to the Bureau, and denied that he had been a member of, or in sympathy with the Communist Party. He indicated that he would welcome complete investigation of his activities. At the present time consideration is being given to conducting a thorough and comprehensive interview with the subject.

It should be noted that a review of the file does not reflect that we have competent evidence of the subject's knowledge of, or assignment in Soviet espionage or counterespionage activities.

RECOMMENDATION

In view of the lack of evidence, it is recommended that this case not be referred to the Department of Justice for consideration under Section 22 of the Internal Security Act of 1950 at the present time. If investigation produces evidence in the future, consideration will again be given to referral to the Department.

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The captioned subject has furnished the Bureau with a copy of his testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities which has been made available to the Los Angeles Office by the Bureau.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : [REDACTED] b7c  
 FROM : [REDACTED]  
 SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON, was.  
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DATE: January 5, 1951

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PURPOSE:

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To summarize results of investigation in this case and to recommend that the security index card be placed in the special Espionage Section of the security index at the present time.

BACKGROUND:

Robinson was born in Bucharest, Rumania, on December 12, 1893. He was educated in the United States and is a citizen by derivation, his father having been naturalized in New York on September 20, 1909.

Investigation of Robinson's activities was initiated in August, 1944, because of his association with Communists, Communist front groups and Communist dominated organizations over a period of years and because he had frequent contacts with Soviet officials stationed in the United States. The investigation was closed in December, 1945, and was again opened February, 1946, with the purpose of determining whether or not Robinson was engaged in Soviet espionage activities.

Results of Investigation

Voluminous information has been obtained concerning subject's activities and his associations. Although no documentary evidence has been obtained indicating that he is or has been a member of the Communist Party, [REDACTED] b7D

Investigation has reflected that Robinson has been affiliated in some manner with numerous organizations cited by the Attorney General as Communist front organizations or organizations which are Communist infiltrated. Among the former, [REDACTED] b7c

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Among the other Communist infiltrated groups with which he has had some connection are Russian War Relief, Congress of American Soviet Friendship, Russian American Club, Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy and others.

Investigation of Robinson and other investigations conducted by the Los Angeles Office have disclosed that Robinson has been in contact with Soviet officials stationed in the United States who have been identified as Soviet agents. Among these are the following:

[REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] (C)

An anonymous letter directed to the Los Angeles Office on February 25, 1948 alleged that Robinson held secret meetings in his home attended by "Reds of the Upper Strata." These visitors were said to be actors, writers, and members of the Motion Picture industry. These meetings were said to be ostensibly for the purpose of showing Robinson's gallery of paintings. [REDACTED] b7D

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Recent Developments

You will recall that Robinson's name was mentioned in reports made public in connection with the Judith Coplon trial in Washington. Subsequent publicity indicated that Robinson denied that he was a Communist or had associated with Communists and that he hoped to be given an opportunity of appearing in Court to "once and for all still these mad and unfounded rumors." He also allegedly stated that he would welcome a complete and full investigation of his life and activities.

Information was obtained during October, 1950, [REDACTED] b7C b7D

[REDACTED] It should be noted that Robinson did subsequently appear before the House Committee and testified that he had never been a Communist or sympathetic with Communism. At that time he presented a detailed list of his contributions to various organizations and it was noted that his contributions to Communist infiltrated or dominated groups represented a very small portion of his total contributions to various organizations throughout the United States.

You will also recall that Mr. Morris L. Ernst, [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] attempted to arrange a personal interview with the Director for Robinson. After the Director declined to see Robinson, Ernst directed a letter to the Bureau requesting advice as to how to proceed in order that the FBI files would be complete concerning Robinson. He was advised on October 25, 1950, that the Bureau would, of course, file any statement which Robinson desired to make for our files. Subsequently, Robinson, over his own signature, directed a letter to the Bureau in which he indicated that he would welcome complete investigation of his activities and with which he forwarded a copy of his testimony before the House Committee on un-American activities.

The Los Angeles Office has been requested to submit a recommendation as to whether or not Robinson should be interviewed.

The security index card on Robinson at the present time is maintained in the special section of the security index. Because of the information developed concerning Robinson's contacts with known Soviet intelligence agents and because of the possibility

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that Robinson also has been engaged in Soviet intelligence work it is believed that his security index card should be maintained in the special espionage section of the security index until such time as a decision is made concerning the interview with him. When such a decision is made and/or subsequent to the interview, consideration will be given to placing his card in the regular section of the security index. It is believed that the status of this case at the present time would dictate that the case be reviewed prior to an arrest of Robinson on the outbreak of hostilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the security index card on Robinson be maintained in the special espionage section of the security index.

*OK.*

*When are these questions going to be resolved?*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: January 10, 1951

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: EDWARD C. ROBINSON, was.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8-13-88 BY SP-7 JALPURPOSE:

To advise you that a decision relative to an interview with subject will be made upon receipt of recommendation from the Los Angeles Office. Los Angeles requested to submit recommendation immediately. Thereafter, a decision will be made as to subject's Security Index status.

BACKGROUND:

Concerning the memorandum from [REDACTED] dated January 5, 1951, summarizing the results of investigation in this case, you inquired as to when the questions concerning an interview with Robinson and the maintenance of his Security Index card would be resolved.

The Los Angeles Office has been requested to submit immediately a recommendation as to whether or not subject should be interviewed. Upon receipt of the recommendation a determination will be made as to whether or not subject will be interviewed and his Security Index status will be resolved.

In the meantime, his Security Index card will be maintained in the Espionage Section of the Security Index.

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Note. The above is for your information.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 9, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY-R

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Reference is made to the report of SA [redacted]  
dated January 9, 1951, at New York.

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[redacted] b7D  
A lead is not being set out for the Seattle Field Office  
to interview [redacted] in view of the fact that it is not known  
by the New York Office whether the Bureau desires [redacted]  
interviewed at this time. b7C

[redacted] b7C  
[redacted] b7D  
It is requested that if the Bureau desires [redacted] b7C  
interviewed concerning ROBINSON, such a lead be set  
forth for the Seattle Field Division, where [redacted] presently  
resides, as reflected in the body of this report.

cc Los Angeles  
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From the above it would appear that [redacted] is unreliable and if used as a witness he would be discredited. However, it is noted that he was active in the Communist Party in California and it is believed that he may possibly furnish leads on which further investigation can be predicated to determine whether or not the captioned subject has ever been a member of the Communist Party. It is, therefore, requested that the Seattle Office locate and interview [redacted].

The interview should be conducted by two Agents thoroughly familiar with Communist Party activities and should be very carefully handled. Every effort should be made to obtain specific information from [redacted] concerning his knowledge of Robinson and Robinson's membership in the Communist Party. In addition, every effort should be made to obtain the names of other individuals who might have information of subject's activities, membership or connection with the Communist Party. The results of the interview with [redacted] should be furnished to the office of origin and the Bureau promptly.

There is attached for the information of Los Angeles a copy of the printed testimony of Edward G. Robinson before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on October 27 and December 21, 1950. It is noted that Robinson testified that he has never been a member of the Communist Party, has never been solicited to join the Communist Party or to contribute money to the Party. He also testified that he did not know any Communists among his friends and acquaintances.

As previously suggested to the Los Angeles Office it is believed that further investigation should be conducted to determine whether or not subject ever was a member of the Communist Party and that in this connection individuals who have furnished information concerning Robinson in the past should be reinterviewed. During the further investigation of this case, it is suggested that consideration be given to the fact that Robinson may have perjured himself in testimony before the House Committee. This case should receive prompt attention and the Bureau should be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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[REDACTED]  
Beverly Hills, California

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January 12th 1951.

Dear Edger:

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DATE 4-13-88 BY SP4 JFJ/SL

Was absolutely appalled at the speech by Dondero about Lowenthal. How can such an evil person be tolerated but that his sponsors are as evil as he is. I'm amazed that this talk did not create more publicity. It is horrible. I'm sorry that I had to put even a few cents into his pockets by buying his book long enough to see some justice done in this world. Also the so called clearance of Ed. G. Robinson by the House Committee has many of us here completely bewildered. Is it that easy to get a white-wash after years and years of supporting the enemies of the nation? With more than a dozen fronts using his name he blithely states that he didn't know? Somehow there is a bad odor here. I can just imagine how you feel about Max Lowenthal.

Best Always,

/s/ [REDACTED]

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TO : MR. [REDACTED] b7c

FROM : [REDACTED]

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PURPOSE:

To recommend that subject be interviewed by agents of the Los Angeles Office and that his Security Index Card be retained in the Special Espionage Section of the Security Index until after the interview.

BACKGROUND:

My memorandum to you dated January 5, 1951, set out a summary of results of investigation in this case and pointed out that the Los Angeles Office had been requested to make a recommendation concerning an interview with subject. The Los Angeles Office has now recommended that subject be interviewed and that the interview concentrate on developing information concerning subject's association with Soviet officials.

As you were previously advised, Robinson is an American citizen by derivation through his father's naturalization. His activities were investigated from August, 1944, to December, 1945, and again from February, 1948, to the present, for the purpose of developing information concerning his Communist activities and to determine whether or not he was engaged in Soviet espionage.

No documentary evidence has been obtained reflecting subject's membership in the Communist Party but allegations have been made by several individuals that Robinson has been a member of the Communist Party. It has also been alleged that he has contributed financially to the Communist Party and the American Youth for Democracy.

It has been stated that he has held secret meetings in his home attended by Communists in the motion picture industry. He has had some affiliation and/or association with a number of Communist front groups and a number of Communist-dominated organizations. He has been in contact on numerous occasions with known and reliably reported members of the Communist Party. He has associated with Soviet officials

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stationed in this country some of whom are known to the Bureau to have been engaged in Soviet intelligence activities while in the United States.

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As you know, Robinson has recently been making efforts to "clear his name." In this connection, he has appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and has been in contact with the Bureau, forwarding to the Bureau a copy of his testimony before the House Committee. He has made an effort to see the Director without success. He has indicated that he would welcome complete investigation of his activities.

Investigation of subject's activities has been comprehensive but has failed to definitely show that he has engaged in Soviet intelligence activities. An interview with him at the present time appears to be a logical investigative step. The possibility exists, of course, that he may attempt to utilize the interview by Bureau agents for publicity in an effort to clear his name, but as pointed out by the Los Angeles Office, if the interview is concentrated on his association with Soviet officials, some of whom are known to have been Soviet intelligence agents, he may not attempt to utilize the interview for publicity purposes.

The Security Index Card on Robinson is presently maintained in the Special Espionage Section of the Security Index. In view of the possibility that the interview may disclose current Soviet intelligence activities, it is believed that the Security Index Card should be retained in the Special Espionage Section until after the interview.

Robinson's testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on October 27 and December 21, 1950, has been reviewed. He denied membership in the Communist Party and Communist sympathies. He admitted connection with various Communist front and Communist influenced organizations but denied knowledge of their Communist character and cited

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in this connection that various other prominent Americans also participated in activities of these organizations. He submitted a statement listing financial contributions for the years 1942 - 1949, which indicated that only a very small portion of his contributions went to such organizations. He testified on December 21 that he had sent a copy of his October 27 testimony to the Director and had offered to submit himself to the FBI for examination or cross-examination. He denied that he had ever volunteered his services as an agent to the Soviet Government but admitted that he had suggested to a Russian consul that a trip to Russia be arranged for him so that he could carry a message from the American people to the Russian people. It does not appear that Robinson's testimony before the HCUA should preclude an interview with him. A detailed analysis of Robinson's testimony was set forth in my memorandum to you Jan. 17, 1951

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached letter to Los Angeles authorizing an interview of the subject be forwarded. It is also recommended that the Security Index Card on the subject be retained in the Special Espionage Section of the Security Index until after the interview with Robinson.

*I am apposed to this.  
we will get nothing  
from Robinson and  
he will use the interview  
as an FBI "clearance"*

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*I think interview should be  
had but see that it is handled  
by most experienced agents*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *JK*  
 FROM : MR. [REDACTED] *b7c*  
 SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON, was  
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DATE: January 20, 1951

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*b7c* Reference is made to memorandum dated January 15, 1951, from Mr. [REDACTED] to me recommending an interview with the above subject by agents of the Los Angeles Office, and forwarding a letter to that office authorizing the interview.

On the afternoon of January 20, 1951, I called the Los Angeles Office and in the absence of Mr. Hood and Mr. Ellsworth spoke to Mr. [REDACTED] who was in charge. I called his attention to our letter of January 15, 1951, authorizing the interview with Robinson. I advised him that the Bureau wanted to stress most strongly that the agents assigned to this interview should thoroughly review the files prior to conducting the interview. I further advised him that it was imperative that the agents assigned to conducting the interview must be most experienced agents.

Mr. [REDACTED] advised that this interview would be handled in accordance with the Bureau's desires.

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EDWARD G. ROBINSON, IS - R. REBUTEL TODAY. INTERVIEW RECOMMENDED,  
HOWEVER WOULD BE RESTRICTED AS FOLLOWS. AT OUTSET SUBJECT WOULD BE  
TOLD HE WERE PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH HIS ASSOCIATION WITH SOVIET  
OFFICIALS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE OBVIOUS ADVANTAGE TO ROBINSON IN MAINTAINING  
AN INTERVIEW ALONG SUCH LINES IN CONFIDENCE WOULD BE POINTED OUT TO HIM  
AND POSSIBLY WOULD PREVENT HIS USING BUREAU INTERVIEW FOR PUBLICITY IN  
HIS APPARENT EFFORT TO CLEAR HIMSELF IN MOVIE INDUSTRY. AS INTERVIEW  
PROCEEDED, OF COURSE, SUBJECT'S PAST ASSOCIATION WITH CP MEMBERS AND  
FRONT GROUPS WOULD NECESSARILY BE TOUCHED UPON, BUT STRESS WOULD BE  
PLACED UPON HIS SOVIET CONNECTIONS. ADVISE IF INTERVIEW FOLLOWING ABOVE  
PROCEDURE AUTHORIZED.

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Re your teletype January 12, 1951.

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You are authorized to conduct an interview with the subject. This interview should be conducted by two experienced agents thoroughly familiar with Communist and Soviet intelligence activities in this country. As suggested by you, it is believed desirable to concentrate on subject's association with Soviet officials, particularly at the beginning of the interview. However, it is desired that the interview be comprehensive and that subject be interrogated concerning all of the allegations against him and his membership in the Communist Party and front groups. The interview should be conducted only after a complete and thorough file review by the agents designated to conduct the interview.

Your attention is directed to the fact that several sources have indicated that subject has been a member of the Communist Party. It has been alleged that he contributed money to the Communist Party and to various front groups.

It is alleged that he has held secret meetings in his home attended by Communists of the motion picture industry. He has been associated with known and reliably reported members of the Communist Party. He has associated with a number of Soviet officials in this country, some of whom are known to the Bureau as having been engaged in Soviet intelligence activities while in this country. All of these matters should be thoroughly covered and every effort should be made to obtain complete information concerning the subject's affiliations and associations with organizations and individuals as indicated above.

As you know, the subject has been making an effort to "clear his name" and the interviewing agents should therefore be very careful so as not to indicate that the interview establishes for subject a "clean bill of health." The possibility that Robinson is currently engaging in Soviet intelligence activities should be kept in mind throughout the interview and an effort should be made to determine if this is so.

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It is also desired that you prepare a summary report suitable for dissemination containing all allegations against the subject and pertinent activities developed by investigation, including information concerning his sympathies, his association with various organizations of a Communist nature, and his association with members of the Communist Party, which would serve as a possible basis for apprehension of the subject in the event of an emergency. You should also give consideration to having informants who have furnished information concerning the subject reinterviewed, particularly those who have indicated subject's Communist Party membership. Appropriate leads in this regard should be set forth. If desired, the results of the interview may be set forth in a report separate from the summary report, which should also be suitable for dissemination.

Attached for your possible assistance in the interview with subject is one copy of a memorandum which was prepared at the Bureau and which contains all pertinent information in the Bureau files concerning the subject as of July 10, 1947. The Bureau files contain no additional pertinent information which has not already been made available to you.

This matter should be given your immediate attention and a teletype summary should be furnished the Bureau immediately after the interview, followed promptly by the report or reports as indicated above.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: January 27, 1951

SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
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Rebulet and memorandum dated 1/20/51 authorizing interview with the Subject.

Bureau memorandum reflects the following information:

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The Detroit Office is requested to advise of any information in its files regarding the above and furnish any information reflecting that ROBINSON was present at the above meeting.

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b7D

The Detroit Office is requested to advise regarding the reliability of the above informants and to whom this information was furnished.

Individual names referred to above should be properly documented.

The Bureau has requested that this investigation be given expeditious attention.

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cc-Detroit (AM)

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Director, FBI

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January 16, 1951

The Security Index card on the captioned subject is now being maintained in the Special Espionage Section of the Security Index. Your records should be changed accordingly.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 27, 1951

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON

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Rebulet and memorandum dated 1/20/51 authorizing interview with the Subject.

Reference memorandum reflects the following information:

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The San Antonio Office is requested to furnish the text of the above information, the reliability of the informant and to whom this information was furnished.

[REDACTED] b7c  
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cc-San Antonio (AIR MAIL.)

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

SAC, SAN ANTONIO

EDWARD G. ROBINSON, IS-R. RE LOS ANGELES LET JANUARY TWENTYSEVEN LAST.  
FOR INFORMATION REFER REPORT [REDACTED] JUNE EIGHTEEN, FORTYSEVEN,  
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Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
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DATE: January 27, 1951

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DATE 4-13-88 BY SP205/fac

Rebulet and memorandum dated 1/20/51 authorizing interview with the Subject.

Reference Bureau memorandum reflects the following information:

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The Boston Office is requested to advise the date and to whom the above report was made available and set forth any information which would substantiate the statement that ROBINSON was one of its hackers. They are also requested to advise whether or not the name of [REDACTED] may be used in a report suitable for dissemination. b7c

The Los Angeles Office is preparing a summary report on ROBINSON and the Bureau has requested that this matter be given expeditious attention.

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cc-Boston (AIR MAIL)

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Director, FBI

DATE: January 27, 1951

FROM :

SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT:

EDWARD G. ROBINSON

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Rebulet and memorandum dated 1/20/51 authorizing interview with the Subject.

Reference Bureau memorandum reflected the following information:

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The Washington Field Office is requested to properly document the above source and to furnish the Los Angeles Office with [REDACTED]

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The Los Angeles Office is preparing a summary report regarding activities of EDWARD G. ROBINSON, and it is requested that this information be furnished at the earliest possible date.

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cc-Washington Field (100-16979) (AIR MAIL)

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SAC, Washington Field

February 6, 1951

Director, FBI

EDWARD G. ROBINSON

INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Washington Field 100-16979

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Re Los Angeles letter January 24, 1951.

For your information, data referred to therein contained in  
report of SA [redacted] dated December 15, 1946, at Washington, D. C.,  
Washington Field Office file 100-18035, captioned "Communist Party,  
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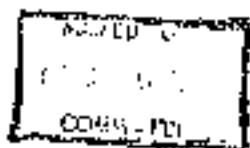
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cc - Los Angeles (100-22505)

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TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, Los Angeles  
SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
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DATE: January 27, 1951

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Rebulet and memorandum dated 1/20/51 authorizing interview with the Subject.

Reference Bureau memorandum reflects the following information regarding the Subject as reported by the New York Office:

[REDACTED] b7c b2D

The New York Office is requested to reinterview the informant and make every effort to determine the basis for the above allegations.

61 [REDACTED] b7D

The New York Office is requested to advise regarding the reliability of the above informant and the date and agent to whom this information was furnished.

The New York Office reported that in December, 1946, a circular was distributed by the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born. This circular listed the national officers and a partial list of the sponsors of the organization. The name of EDWARD G. ROBINSON appeared on the list of sponsors.

The New York Office is requested to identify the source of the above information and to whom it was made available.

The New York Office advised on November 16, 1944, that the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship held a victory celebration at Madison

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cc-New York

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Square Garden, celebrating the 27th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Union and the 11th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and Russia.

It is desired that the above information be properly documented and set forth suitable for dissemination.

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It is requested that the above information be properly documented.

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The New York Office is requested to furnish reliability of the above informant and to whom this information was furnished.

The New York Office reported that the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade would hold its national convention in New York City on September 21 and 22, 1946. During the above meeting, greetings were forwarded to the convention by a number of individuals, among them being EDWARD G. ROBINSON. [REDACTED] b7D b7C b1

It is requested that the reliability of the above informant and the date and person to whom this information was given by furnished this office.

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The New York Office is requested to advise to whom this information was furnished and whether or not the informant should be treated confidentially.

The Los Angeles Office is presently preparing a summary report suitable for dissemination regarding the activities of EDWARD G. ROBINSON and the Bureau has requested that this investigation be handled expeditiously. Your office is requested to furnish this information at your earliest convenience.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, Los Angeles  
 SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
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DATE: January 27, 1951

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 DATE 4/15/87 BY SP-10 JAB

Rebulet and memorandum dated 1/20/51 authorizing interview with the Subject.

Reference memorandum sets forth the following information:

Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated 10/5/44 characterizes the above informant as a "usually reliable source."

It is desired that the Bureau advise concerning the reliability of the informant, the date when this information was furnished and whether it is necessary to protect the identity of the informant in a report. If the whereabouts of the informant are unknown, it is suggested that appropriate steps be taken to learn this and informant be reinterviewed and every effort made to learn the identity of the "unimpeachable source."

Bureau letter dated 10/5/44 further states, in conjunction with MELVYN DOUGLAS and JAMES CAGNEY, ROBINSON presented an ambulance to the Loyalists during the Spanish Civil War. In 1937, ROBINSON signed a wire to Lieutenant Governor HATFIELD requesting a pardon for TOM MOONEY. ROBINSON is known to be friendly with a prominent CP functionary in New York City.

The Los Angeles files are being reviewed and a summary report is being prepared suitable for dissemination. The Bureau is accordingly requested to advise the Los Angeles Office regarding the reliability and identity of the above informants.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: January 27, 1951

SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
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Rebulet and memorandum dated 1/20/51 authorizing interview with the Subject, and rerep of SA [redacted] New York, dated 1/9/51. b7c

Reference report reflects that [redacted]

Reference report sets forth a denial by ROBINSON of the allegations made by [redacted] b7c b7D

The Seattle Office is requested to reinterview [redacted] for information set forth in reference report, and [redacted] should be questioned for information which would substantiate statements made by him [redacted] and denied by ROBINSON. [redacted] be interviewed for all information known to him regarding the activities of the Subject. b7c b7D

The Bureau has requested that this matter be given immediate attention and the above interview should be conducted at your earliest convenience.

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cc-Seattle (AIR MAIL)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 1951

SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON, was.  
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Rebulet 1/20/51 authorizing an interview with subject.

The Bureau's specific instruction is desired as to whether or not ROBINSON should be interviewed if he insists on having his attorney present during the interview.

It is believed that this office can make arrangements for the interview with subject in such a manner that ROBINSON will not insist on having his attorney present; however, such a possibility always exists. Subject's letter to the Director dated November 3, 1950, pointed out that ROBINSON would be pleased to submit himself for questioning in connection with any investigation being conducted by this Bureau, and it is believed that it can be pointed out to the subject that the matters to be discussed during the interview are of such a confidential nature that it is not desired that an outside person be present during the questioning.

It is the recommendation of this office, if ROBINSON insists on having his attorney present during the interview, that the interview not be conducted.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, BOSTON

SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
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DATE: 2/8/51

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Re Los Angeles letter to Director dated 1/27/51.

Boston unable to identify requested data from information set forth in referenced letter. The Bureau is requested to advise Boston the date, subject and character of communication from Boston setting forth the information contained in referenced letter.

Upon receipt of advice from the Bureau, the Boston Office will furnish the remainder of requested information to Los Angeles.

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cc Los Angeles (Air Mail)

*Memo to Boston  
cc - Los Angeles  
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SAC, Boston

February 17, 1951

Director, FBI

EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Re Boston let 2/8/51. The information referred to therein is contained in the report of SA [redacted] dated 3/20/47 at Boston re "American Youth for Democracy, Internal Security - C," Boston file 100-1268. b7c

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The San Francisco Office is requested to interview [redacted] for any information regarding Communist Party membership of the subject or knowledge that ROBINSON gave financial support to the Communist Party. [redacted] should be questioned in detail for information regarding ROBINSON's activity in behalf of the Communist Party for the Soviet Government.

The Los Angeles Office is presently preparing a summary report and the above information is also needed for the contemplated interview of the subject. It is therefore requested that this matter be handled expeditiously.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Review of Los Angeles files reflects definite possibility EDWARD G. ROBINSON and wife, GLADYS LLOYD-ROBINSON, involved in Russian espionage activity. [REDACTED] known Russian Agent, introduced to [REDACTED], former [REDACTED] in this country, at ROBINSON's home. GREGORY KHEIFETS, Soviet agent and assistant to [REDACTED], claimed to know ROBINSON. ROBINSON contacted V. V. PASTOROV, Soviet Vice Consul, prior to going to England and offered his services to the Russian Government. PASTOROV reliably reported to be NKVD agent. ROBINSON believed to have informed SAMUEL H. BERCOW to turn over formula for powdered milk to EUGENE TUZANSEV, successor to V. V. PASTOROV. ROBINSON entertained ILIA SARAEV, who allegedly operated a network of sub-agents. ROBINSON and wife known to be friends of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. ROBINSON reported to be a member of the CP. He is a known associate of various CP members and the sponsor of many Communist dominated and CP front organizations. Los Angeles Office received anonymous letter advising that ROBINSON was using his paintings as a cover for Communist meetings. GLADYS ROBINSON departed for Paris, France, on March 21, 1948, to exhibit her paintings. EDWARD G. ROBINSON to follow soon. Bank account reviewed. Results of mail cover set out.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 100-134207 <sup>b7c</sup>  
Report of SA [redacted] dated December 3, 1945, at  
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DETAILS: Investigation of EDWARD G. ROBINSON is being reactivated at this time. The following information represents a complete file review on ROBINSON and present information regarding his current activities. This review reflects a definite possibility that ROBINSON is involved in Russian espionage. Over a period of years he has associated with many persons from the Russian Consulate and both he and his wife have been entertained by Soviet officials on various occasions. The instant investigation is to determine whether ROBINSON is now or has in the past been engaged in activities on behalf of the Soviet Government.

PERSONAL HISTORY

[Source A advised that EDWARD G. ROBINSON is the son of MORRIS and SARAH GOLDENBERG and was born at Bucharest, Rumania, on December 12, 1893, his name at that time being EMANUEL GOLDENBERG. His father, MORRIS GOLDENBERG, and family arrived in the United States in 1903.

[Source A-2 advised that on June 15, 1923, passport #310697 was issued to EDWARD G. ROBINSON for travel to Europe. He stated he was born in Bucharest, Rumania, on December 12, 1893, and that he came to the United States in 1903 and was naturalized through his father, MORITZ GOLDENBERG, who was born in Russia in 1861 and immigrated to the United States in 1901 or 1902. According to the above record, GOLDENBERG was naturalized in New York City September 2, 1909. The above application contains a stamp indicating that a naturalization certificate of ROBINSON's father was seen by the clerk of the State Department.

ROBINSON is supposed to have married his wife, GLADYS LLOYD ROBINSON, on January 21, 1927. The Los Angeles Division has been unable to determine the exact birthdate of his wife and investigation is presently being conducted to determine her place and date of birth.

EDUCATION

A review of the files reflects that ROBINSON attended the Townsend Harris High School from 1907 to 1910; State College in New York from September, 1910, to June, 1911, at which time he withdrew to enter the American Academy of Dramatic Art. He attended Columbia University from September, 1915, to February, 1918, and also attended the summer school session of 1918. The records further show that he registered for the spring term of 1925. He studied art, but did not receive a degree or grades.

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Source A-3 reflects that EDWARD G. ROBINSON was in the United States Navy in World War I in 1918 and that he was stationed at Palham Base Training School and that his linguistic ability was responsible for his being attached to the intelligence service. According to Source A-4, ROBINSON considers himself fitted best for intelligence work, propaganda and public relations. Among his talents, EDWARD G. ROBINSON listed familiarity with the following languages: French, German, Italian, Spanish, Rumanian, Russian, Yiddish and Hebrew.

TRAVEL

With reference to ROBINSON's foreign travel, a review of the Subject's passport file indicates that he has received the following passports:

Passport Number	Date	Travel
74326	6/7/29	France, England, Holland, Belgium, Austria, Hungary
Renewed	11/25/31	France, Germany and Rumania
14386	8/28/35	England and France
21059	10/14/42	England and France
55375	6/15/44	England

EMPLOYMENT

According to Source A-5, ROBINSON appeared in the show, "Paid in Full," in Binghamton, New York in 1913. His first New York stage appearance was at the Hudson Theater in August, 1915. From 1915 to 1928 Subject appeared on the New York stage every season in one or more plays. His first film was with Warner Brothers in 1923 and from that time to date he has appeared in a score or more of pictures and is considered one of the prominent character actors in Hollywood.

The Baltimore Division was requested by letter dated March 1, 1948, to determine employment background on ROBINSON and, by letter dated April 17, 1948, the following information was reported:

6/37	Warner Brothers Pictures, Inc., Burbank, California
6/37	Lever Brothers, Inc., 50 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Mass.
12/37	Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Corporation, 1540 Broadway, New York City
3/38	Warner Brothers Pictures, Inc., 321 W. 44th Street,
3/39	New York City
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- 6/39 Loew's, Inc., 1540 Broadway, New York City
- 6/42 Louis I. Goldberg, dba Allied Record Manufacturing Co.,  
1041 Las Palmas Avenue, Hollywood, California
- 3/43 E. I. Dupont De Nemours & Company, Tenth and Market  
Street, Wilmington, Delaware
- 6/43 Stellar Radio Enterprises, Inc., 1270 Sixth Avenue,  
New York City
- 6/43 Trans-American Broadcast & Television Corporation,  
1 E. 54th Street, New York City
- 9/43 Columbia Broadcasting System, 485 Madison Avenue,  
New York City
- 12/43 Correll and Gosden, 9470 Santa Monica Boulevard,  
Beverly Hills, California
- 3/45 American Broadcasting Company, Inc., 30 Rockefeller  
Plaza, New York City
- 3/47 Mr. and Mrs. FRED ALLEN, William Morris Agency, Inc.,  
1270 Sixth Avenue, New York City

POSSIBLE ESPIONAGE CONTACTS

The "Hollywood Reporter" of June 5, 1944, carried a news article indicating that EDWARD G. ROBINSON was going to England to do a film for the Royal Air Force and that while there he would broadcast for the Office of War Information.

Source A-4 advised that [REDACTED], Senior Administrative Assistant of the Office of War Information in San Francisco, California, had requested that permission be granted for EDWARD G. ROBINSON to leave the United States for England to represent the Office of War Information. She requested the above source to send such permission by air mail to [REDACTED], Liaison Officer, OWI, Outpost Bureau, Fourth and Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D. C.

It was learned from Source A-4 that on June 27, 1944, ROBINSON, through the above source, contacted V. W. PASTORY to advise him that he was leaving Los Angeles June 30 by plane en route to England. At this time ROBINSON

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offered his services to the Russian Government through PASTOROV and told him that if it was possible for him to do anything at all for PASTOROV's country, they could reach him through their representative in London. ROBINSON told Source A-6 that he was going to do some work for the Royal Air Force and believed he would be able to see "a lot of stuff" (u)

According to [redacted] he met [redacted] at the home of EDWARD G. ROBINSON subsequent to December 7, 1941, and not later than January, 1942, the exact date not known.

It is recalled that EDWARD G. ROBINSON had a party or a showing of his paintings in his home at 910 Roxford Drive during the period mentioned above, at which time he invited thirty or forty people to attend. This party was given primarily for the benefit of six or seven Russians who were visiting Los Angeles as dignitaries, most of them being members of the Soviet armed forces. According to LA 3199, one of them seemed to be guiding the party and in general responsible for it.

When [redacted] arrived at ROBINSON's party, ROBINSON met him and stated that he now had a translator who would be able to speak fluent English and as a consequence ROBINSON's first step was to introduce [redacted] to all the Russians who were present. [redacted] recalled that when ROBINSON came to [redacted], ROBINSON had to ask [redacted] his name, after which he introduced him to [redacted]. According to [redacted] ROBINSON loves the ideals of Russia and "I think he sympathizes with Communism." [redacted] would not say that ROBINSON was a Communist. However, he did say that "he plays around with it."

Source A-12 advised that on August 26, 1944, Lieutenant Colonel IZIK FEFFER and SOLOMON MICHOELIS, Soviet cultural representatives, would appear at the Shrine Auditorium on August 26, 1943. Source A-40 has advised that while in the United States these two individuals were in contact with numerous Russian diplomatic personnel. [redacted] contacted MICHOELIS on June 25, 1943, and again on August 16, 1943. On September 18, 1943, [redacted] accompanied by [redacted] Russian Agent whose name appears in the anonymous letter) and [redacted] (Consul General, New York), contacted [redacted] at the Soviet Consulate in New York City. On September 22, 1943, [redacted] contacted both MICHOELIS and FEFFER in the Russian Embassy and both were later guests at [redacted] home (u)

The Los Angeles Times carried a story on August 22, 1943, that EDWARD G. ROBINSON was among those who would greet the visitors at the Shrine Auditorium. Officials of the Russian Consulate at Los Angeles stated the Shrine Auditorium had been sold out and that EDWARD G. ROBINSON had approved the text. According to the Times of August 27, 1943, EDWARD G. ROBINSON spoke at the Shrine rally.

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Source A-3 stated that on September 15, 1944, Major GILBERT MACKEY of the United States Army and a close associate of NICHOLAS GEORGE DERACHET visited the apartment of DERACHET, at which time he conversed with Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON, who was referred to as GLADYS. At this meeting she (GLADYS ROBINSON, told Major MACKEY, among other things, that she was "just keeping one step ahead of the FBI - but she sends in reports." Major MACKEY suggested that he would like to have DERACHET and Colonel SARAYEV of the Soviet Military Attache's office and his party contact GLADYS when they arrive in Hollywood, to which she acquiesced. She mentioned during the conversation that she was a close friend of Ambassador and Mrs. GROMYKO of the U.S.S.R.

According to Source A-9, four Russians by the names of Colonel ELIA SARAYEV, Colonel GREGORY STIBALCV, Major AFANACY E. MAVAKOZOV and Major BORIS J. LEBEDEV were taken on a tour of Lockheed on September 22, 1944, during which time Colonel SARAYEV made inquiries about jet propelled airplanes and also about the new type P-38 plane which contains a radar set in its nose. To the above inquiry SARAYEV was given a vague reply. This source further advised that the group had met EDWARD G. ROBINSON and, according to Source A-10, on September 23, 1944, ROBINSON and HOWARD HUGHES (airplane executive) had dinner with NICHOLAS GEORGE DERACHET (Industrial Relations Manager for the Hundry Process Corporation, located in Washington, D. C.) and the aforementioned four Russian officers.

Source A-9 recently advised that among those persons attending the reception at the home of EDWARD G. ROBINSON in late 1941 or early 1942, when [redacted] was present, was a close friend of GLADYS ROBINSON, wife of EDWARD G. ROBINSON, known only to [redacted] as Mrs. BURCH (ph).

A review of the Los Angeles indices determined that Mrs. BURCH is identical with Mrs. ROSE BERCH, 9651 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. She is known to have been in close association with Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON during December, 1944, and January, 1945.

In November, 1941, Mrs. SAMUEL H. BERCH, identical with Mrs. ROSE BERCH, was the victim of an extortion investigated by the Los Angeles Office. Mrs. ROSE BERCH is the wife of SAMUEL H. BERCH, President of Arden Farms.

The Los Angeles indices show that SAMUEL HARRY BERCH, also known as Samuel H. Berchansky, was born December 20, 1888, at Bobrinetz, Russia. He entered the United States from Canada in 1918 and is President and General Manager of Arden Farms on the west coast.

On October 7, 1944, SAMUEL H. BERCH, in company with EDWARD G. ROBINSON, visited the Russian Vice Consulate. On this occasion BERCH took some powdered milk to V. V. PASTOEV, Russian Vice Consul, for use on his return trip to Russia.

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The report of SA [REDACTED] dated October 8, 1945, at Los Angeles, entitled "RUSSIAN AMERICAN CLUB, Los Angeles; INTERNAL SECURITY - R," reflects that on July 24, 1945, a confidential source of known reliability was present during a conversation between WALTER TAYLOR and NORA HELLGREN. During the conversation, NORA HELLGREN told TAYLOR that they had an offer from a young scientist who had thousands of scientific formulas that he wanted to present to the Soviet Union. Mrs. HELLGREN suggested that a reception be given in the Russian American Club for him. It is not known whether or not a reception was given, but it has been determined that the scientist in question is SAMUEL H. BERCH, owner of the Arden Farms, 1900 Slauson Avenue, West Los Angeles. (u)

The indices reflect that WALTER TAYLOR was active in the affairs of the American Russian Institute in Los Angeles.

The indices show that NORA HELLGREN, referred to above, is the subject of a closed Internal Security - R investigation in the Los Angeles Division. She is one of the individuals used as a mail drop by PESS WHALEN BROWN during the period when she was employed by the Soviet Secret Intelligence (NKVD) in the Orient. She was very active in the affairs of the ARI in Los Angeles and, according to a former CP member, she was supposed to have enjoyed the confidence of top officials of the Communist Party, and it is believed that all secret and underground activities cleared through her. According to one informant, she is a member-at-large of the Communist Party and a representative of the Communist International. NORA HELLGREN and her husband are now in Stockholm, Sweden. (u)

On July 27, 1945, a reliable source advised that an unknown man talked to MICHAEL LESHING, at which time it was learned that LESHING had talked with NORA HELLGREN regarding the man who wanted to give the Soviet Government the condensed powdered milk formula. LESHING said he could make the arrangements with TUMANTSEV. (u)

MICHAEL LESHING, referred to above, is known to be active in the affairs of the American Russian Institute and was friendly with the personnel at the Russian Vice Consulate. (u)

TUMANTSEV, referred to above, is identical with EUGENE TUMANTSEV, former Russian Vice Consul in Los Angeles. (u)

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The Los Angeles indices reflect also that Mr. and Mrs. SAMUEL H. BERCH were sponsors of the Russian American Friendship Concert held at the Shrine Auditorium on May 16, 1945.

It is pointed out that as President and General Manager of Arden Farms, SAMUEL H. BERCH is a man of considerable wealth. [Source A-4] revealed that the Arden Farms has total assets of almost \$25,000,000, operating thirteen subsidiary organizations on the west coast, ten of which are fully owned by Arden Farms.

On October 24, 1943, according to Source A-7, GREGORI KHEIFETS told an informant of the Los Angeles Division that he knew EDWARD G. ROBINSON. KHEIFETS is a known Russian espionage agent formerly active on the west coast. (C)(u)

According to information received from Source A-11, Major General ILLIA SARAYEV, who is identical with the SARAYEV previously mentioned, was the Assistant Soviet Military Attache in Washington, D. C., who operated a network of sub-Agents, among them being one I. A. SORVIN, an employee of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission in Washington, and a Lieutenant Colonel in the Red Army. SORVIN was known to be very friendly with VASSILI ZUBILIN, former head of Soviet espionage in this country. (C)(u)

The following information is being set out as being of possible espionage significance:

According to Source A-13, EDWARD G. ROBINSON was contacted on January 15, 1945, by an individual known to the above source only as Colonel GURNEY or GUERNEY. The Colonel identified himself as being the Canadian Military Attache. He advised ROBINSON that he had met his wife, GLADYS ROBINSON, in Washington, D. C., when she was last there, and that he was merely paying a social call. (C)(u)

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SOVIET OFFICIAL CONTACTS

On October 3, 1943, Source A-14 observed EDWARD G. ROBINSON rush up to and greet with enthusiasm MIKHAIL KALATOZOV, who had just finished making a speech comparing American and Russian films. KALATOZOV was the film representative of the USSR in the United States and the speech was sponsored by the League of American Writers. (u)

On October 13, 1943, it was learned from Source A-15 that TSIK BOURSKAYA and VLADIMIR IVANOVICH (last name not known), who visited Los Angeles and are with the USSR Embassy in Washington, told source they had conferred with V. V. PASTOEV, Vice Consul of the USSR at Los Angeles, regarding the Writers' Congress which had been held in Los Angeles in October, and that PASTOEV had promised to send the details regarding it. They also remarked that PASTOEV had stated EDWARD G. ROBINSON, the motion picture actor, was intending to visit the Russian Embassy at Washington soon and, if not, that the State Department would probably contact the Embassy, as ROBINSON wanted to make a trip to Russia. (u)

On October 25, 1943, Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON told Source A-16 that she had been visiting with Mr. PASTOEV, Russian Vice Consul, and enjoyed discussing with him news regarding the Russian efforts at the front. As a matter of interest to the above source, Mrs. ROBINSON stated that she had let Mr. PASTOEV know that Senator and Mrs. PEPPER had given her a party at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C., for her birthday. She also revealed to the above source that she had received an elaborate invitation to a reception at the Russian Embassy in Washington. (u)

Source A-17 advised that EDWARD G. ROBINSON was present at the Russian Vice Consulate at 2315 N. Vermont Avenue on November 7, 1943. The celebration was in honor of the twenty-sixth anniversary of the Russian revolution. (u)

Source A-18 advised that EDWARD G. ROBINSON is a close friend of [redacted] and that on one occasion Mrs. GLADYS ROBINSON met his son and during the conversation she asked him what he thought about the recall of MAXIM LITVINOFF, USSR Ambassador to the United States; and, when the son replied that it was bad for the United States and that STALIN was using the recall as a club over the Quebec Conference of CHURCHILL and ROOSEVELT, Mrs. ROBINSON replied that she thought it was the Hearst papers in the United States which were responsible for LITVINOFF's recall. (u)

It was learned from Source A-19 on April 21, 1944, that arrangements were made by Mrs. PASTOEV for a dinner to be held on April 28 at the Consulate in honor of Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON. (u)

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According to Source A-20, on June 3, 1944, a cocktail party was held at the Russian Consulate in honor of Russian War Relief. Among the guests invited were Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON (X)(u)

It was learned from Source A-21 that on November 18, 1944, PASTORV contacted EDWARD G. ROBINSON to advise him that he was speaking at Camp Young, United States Army, Palm Springs, on November 22, 1944, and would be late for dinner at the ROBINSON home. (X)(u)

On November 29, 1944, Source A-22 advised that EDWARD G. ROBINSON, in a conversation with a man unknown to the informant, stated that he had received a wire from VSEVOLOD PUDOKIN, Chairman of Voice Cinema Section Transmittal Society on Cultural Relations, Moscow, reading as follows: "After interval, on November 1, 1944, newspaper 'Soviet Art and Literature' resuming publication. In first issue editors contemplate statements by representative workers in democratic countries concerning their work and role in the fight against Hitlerism." ROBINSON desired that the man to whom he was talking prepare an appropriate answer for him. (X)(u)

On April 20, 1946, Source A-23 advised that the National Council of American Soviet Friendship was planning to give a reception at the Waldorf Astoria on May 5, 1946, in honor of three visiting Soviet literary figures, namely, ILYA EHRENBURG of "Izvestia"; KONSTANTIN SIMONOV of "Red Star," and Major General MIKHAIL R. GALAKTIONOV of "Pravda." Among the names of persons invited to attend the above reception was the name of EDWARD G. ROBINSON. (X)(u)

Source A-24 advised that on February 9, 1948, Mrs. ANDREI GROWKO, wife of the USSR Deputy Foreign Minister; Mrs. ELIZABETH A. POPOVA, Vice Chairman of the United States Social and Economic Commission on the Rights of Woman, and Mrs. EVDOKIA I. ORALOVA, Minister of Education in the Soviet Republic of Byelorussia, Deputy in the Supreme Soviet of the USSR and member of the above commission, visited the Warner Brothers Studio. The above party, with a representative of the American Russian Institute appeared at the Warner Brothers Studio at approximately 3:00 p.m. and arrangements were made to visit the studio. At the time of this visit the group had its picture taken with EDWARD G. ROBINSON. [No other contact with ROBINSON was noted during their brief stay in Los Angeles.] (X)(u)

ASSOCIATION WITH PROMINENT COMMUNIST PARTY  
MEMBERS AND COMMUNIST PARTY FRONT ACTIVITY

According to Source A-25, on July 27, 1940, an individual who refused to give her name telephonically advised the Los Angeles Office that ROSEMARY DALE WRIGHT had attended a Communist rally and workers' school at

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Sacramento, California, on funds supplied by EDWARD G. ROBINSON. This source stated that VOIGHT was a Communist. Subsequent investigation confirmed that VOIGHT had been active in Young Communist League affairs and also that EDWARD G. ROBINSON had contributed \$125 to send a student of Occidental College to a Workers School to learn how to conduct and organize strikes.

[Source A-26 advised that on June 6, 1941, EDWARD G. ROBINSON appeared on a nation-wide radio broadcast presenting a skit prepared by DALTON TRUMBO and TRUE BOARDMAN in connection with the League of American Writers, which is a Communist front organization. DALTON TRUMBO is a screen writer and was a member of the Northwest Section of the Los Angeles CPA and TRUE BOARDMAN, as of 1941, was on the Executive Board of the Hollywood Democratic Committee, which is a Communist dominated organization and very active politically.] (u)

It was learned from Source A-27 that Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON attended a meeting at the home of LOUIS MILESTONE on September 23, 1941, regarding the organization of Russian War Relief. LOUIS MILESTONE has been active in Communist dominated organizations in the Los Angeles area over a period of years and was present at the home of EDWARD G. ROBINSON on the night that [redacted] met VASSILI M. ZUBILEN. (u)

[According to Source A-12, the publication, "Hollywood Reporter," on November 21, 1941, carried a story indicating that Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON were active in promoting a concert at the Shrine Auditorium on December 3, 1941, under the sponsorship of the Russian Benefit Committee. EDWARD G. ROBINSON was also listed as a sponsor for a concert held December 31, 1941, at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles under the sponsorship of the Russian War Relief and was present at this concert.] (u)

It was learned from Source A-29 that on June 22, 1943, Russian War Relief sponsored a "Tribute to Russia" program at the Hollywood Bowl, this particular date being the anniversary of the German invasion of the Soviet Union. BERTS BORROS was producer of this show and among those participating were LEOPOLD STOKOWSKY and EDWARD G. ROBINSON. (u)

[According to Source A-29, EDWARD G. ROBINSON was on the program of the Shrine Auditorium on November 16, 1943, which was sponsored by the Los Angeles Council of American Soviet Friendship.] (u)

[Source A-12 made available information furnished by [redacted] which reflects that EDWARD G. ROBINSON was one of the speakers at a mass rally at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles on August 6, 1943, which was sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. During this speech ROBINSON spoke favorably of Russia in connection with its participation in the present war.] (u)

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The above source advised that ELAINE N. ROSE, Administrative Secretary of the American Youth for Democracy, advised that she had contacted JOHN HOWARD LAWSON and asked him to secure some prominent people to act as sponsors for the AYD and that LAWSON told her he had asked ROBINSON, but that he had refused because he was afraid to let them use his name on something like that.

The immigration records as furnished by Source A-30 reflect that EDWARD G. ROBINSON submitted a letter of recommendation on behalf of SAMUEL SPIEGEL. SAMUEL SPIEGEL was arrested by the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Los Angeles for failure to register as an alien and be fingerprinted prior to December 26, 1941. SAMUEL SPIEGEL is the one-time associate of MORIS M. MORROS.

On February 28, 1944, Source A-31, who has known Mr. and Mrs. BERTHOLD VIERTEL for a number of years and considers them to be Communist sympathizers, advised that in 1938 or 1939 a collection was taken up by EDWARD G. ROBINSON to which large sums were contributed and to which SELMA VIERTEL gave one hundred dollars.

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According to [redacted] this collection was a matter of considerable secrecy at the time, although SELMA VIERTEL referred to it as a collection for STALIN and stated that her check was written in favor of what she believed was a fictitious name. According to the above source, her check was probably drawn on the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of New York.

It was learned from Source A-32 that on May 23, 1944, DALTON TRUMBO and JOHN HOWARD LAWSON held a conference regarding the Motion Picture Alliance for the Preservation of American Ideals, which is an organization formed by responsible Hollywood persons to combat un-Americanism in the movie industry. At this conference TRUMBO and LAWSON expressed concern about the MPA and discussed various ways of combating it. TRUMBO stated that he was trying to get OLIVIA DEHAVILLAND and EDWARD G. ROBINSON to come out against the MPA.

According to a highly confidential source made available by Source A-32, the name of EDWARD G. ROBINSON was observed on a sheet of paper belonging to ROSE ISAAC (ROSE ISAAC of the American Russian Institute of San Francisco). ROSE ISAAC was instrumental in securing gifts, etc., from CP members and sympathizers in Los Angeles in June, 1944. These gifts were subsequently turned over to ANNA LOUISE STRONG to be delivered to the Russian people. (ANNA LOUISE STRONG made a trip to Russia in June, 1944, and it is assumed that the above gifts were delivered to the Russian people.)

It has been learned from Source A-33 that EDWARD G. ROBINSON is a very close friend of HYMAN KRAFT, a motion picture writer and prominent

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Communist in the Los Angeles area. Source A-39 advises that he was present at several social gatherings attended by Subject and KRAFT and on one occasion KRAFT, ROBINSON and Source A-39 discussed at length the matter of propaganda which had been circulated recently to the effect that the next war for the United States would be with Russia. Both expressed dismay that such ideas should be put forth. (S)(u)

Source A-34 advised that EDWARD G. ROBINSON was present at an American Youth for Democracy "Second Annual Salute to Young America" dinner held on December 12, 1945, at the Hotel Roosevelt in New York City. EDWARD G. ROBINSON was introduced to the audience by NORMAN CORWIN, radio producer and director. ROBINSON presented BILL MAULDEN, famous army cartoonist, an AYD award.

According to Source A-35, who was present at a general membership meeting of the Musicians Congress on February 15, 1945, the name of EDWARD G. ROBINSON was read for outstanding aid to this organization. Other names mentioned were HERBERT BIERMAN and JOHN BYWARD LAWSON, known CP members. (S)(u)

According to information furnished by Source A-36, on October 29, 1945, and again on November 3, 1945, EDWARD G. ROBINSON's residence was contacted by LION FEUCHTWANGER. FEUCHTWANGER is a writer closely associated with the Free German movement in the Los Angeles area and a contact of GREGORI KHEIFETS, former espionage agent on the west coast, who, as previously stated, is also known to EDWARD G. ROBINSON. (S)(u) b7c

Source A-37 advised SA [redacted] of the New York Division on April 18 and 21, 1947, that EDWARD G. ROBINSON was a member of the CP and had always been very cooperative. It should be noted that the above source is highly reliable.

On October 2, 1947, it was learned from Source A-39 that GEORGE PEPPER (Executive Secretary of the Arts, Science and Professions Council of the Progressive Citizens of America) had completed arrangements for a meeting to be held at 5:00 p.m. on this date at 910 N. Rexford. This is known to be the home of EDWARD G. ROBINSON. GEORGE PEPPER told WALDO SALT that the following-named persons would be present. (S)(u)

Mrs. IRA (GERSHWIN)  
"Some Attorney"  
IRVING (PICHEL)

DORR (SCHART)  
DALTON (THAMBO)  
WALDO SALT

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HONARD (KOCH)  
ADRIAN (SCOTT)\*  
ALBERT (WALTZ)\*  
JACK (JOHN HOWARD) LAMSON\*

NORMAN (COWIN)  
EDDIE (EDWARD IMYTRYK)\*  
HERBERT (BIEBERMAN)\*  
LEWIS (MILESTONE)  
LARRY (PARKS)\* (u)

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\* Had been members of the CP; the names in brackets were inserted by Agents of the Los Angeles Division to complete the above names. (u)

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Los Angeles Division received a communication dated February 25, 1948, set out in full as follows:

"Dear Sir:

"A remark dropped to me by a gentleman of red leanings who thinks I am of that ilk. The information is that EDWARD ROBINSON who was born with a strictly Russian name holds secret meetings at his palatial home and is attended by Reds of the upper strata. As a front they are supposed to inspect his gallery of paintings.

"These visitors are actors, writers, and members of the motion picture industry.

"ROBINSON is recognized as one of our great character actors. I think it a good idea to investigate these meetings, and perhaps it might develop into something worth while.

"/s/ An American"

The above letter was forwarded to the Laboratory and a check was made for latent fingerprints and it was also compared with known handwriting in the espionage handwriting file. (u)

On March 5, 1948, Special Agents of the Los Angeles Division observed a meeting of the "Committee of 1,000" which was held at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel under the auspices of the Arts, Sciences and Professions Division of the P.C.A. Investigation and confidential information, however, indicate that actually this affair was a function of the newly-organized national group called "Committee of 1,000." The above meeting was a dinner attended by some four hundred persons at which Professor HARLOW SHAPLEY of the Harvard Observatory gave the main address.

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to the cook, CAROLYN VINLAND, for \$119.88, and to the gardener, LLOYD CUNDEFF, for \$125. The above names were checked against the Los Angeles indices which reflects that JOSEPH L. LEVY is presently the manager of EDWARD G. ROBINSON. A review of the files reflects that LEVY was present at the aforementioned meeting between [redacted] and [redacted], which occurred at ROBINSON's home sometime in late 1941.

The files reflect that LLOYD CUNDEFF was employed by EDWARD G. ROBINSON as of February, 1945.

The Los Angeles Division advised the Bureau and New York Division by letter dated April 12, 1948, regarding GLADYS ROBINSON's possible departure for France. The New York Division was requested to determine any information regarding her departure and also regarding the exhibition of her paintings in Paris.

The New York Division advised by letter dated April 24, 1948, that GLADYS ROBINSON sailed on April 21, 1948, on the S.S. DeGrasse for Paris, where she expects to exhibit her own paintings at the Heil Galleries in Paris until about July 1, 1948. Although EDWARD G. ROBINSON was in New York at that time, he did not sail with GLADYS ROBINSON; however, it is believed he will join her in the very near future.

The Hollywood Reporter for April 21, 1948, carried a news item which reflected that EDWARD G. ROBINSON would join his wife in Paris in May when "Key Largo" is finished. According to the information in this article, GLADYS ROBINSON was to exhibit her paintings at the Bigrau Galleries there.

A ninety-day mail cover was placed on all mail going to 910 Rexford Drive on February 10, 1948, and the following represents mail received by EDWARD G. ROBINSON and GLADYS LLOYD ROBINSON from February 10, 1948, to April 15, 1948, inclusive. Mail received by ROBINSON from New York is being set forth separately. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ u

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3/6/48 EDWARD G. ROBINSON

3/8/48 Mr. & Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON

3/9/48 EDWARD G. ROBINSON

3/9/48 EDWARD G. ROBINSON

DAVID M. BACHNER, Brooklyn, New York  
P. F., Room 1004, 55 W. 42nd Street,  
New York City.

10 W. Eighth Street, New York City

153 E. 62nd, New York City

Suite 1400, 165 W. 46th, New York City

691 Fifth Avenue, New York 22, N.Y.

A. Sulka and Company, 661 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Imagotel, 285 Central Avenue, New York  
City.

Samuel M. Kootz Galleries, 15 E. 57th,  
New York City

Services Des Conseillers Culturels,  
634 Fifth Avenue, New York 21, N.Y.

Citizens Committee on Displaced Persons,  
39 E. 36 Street, New York 16.

Mrs. G. L. WATERBURY, 103 E. 75th,  
New York City

Americans for Hagadah, Inc., 38 W. 69  
Street, New York City

Midtown Galleries, 605 Madison Avenue.

W. S. Budworth & Son, Inc., 424 W. 52nd,  
New York 19, New York

Dashill, 620 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Dr. M. G. ROBINSON, 833 W. 72nd Street,  
or 133 W. 72 Street.

Bignon Gallery, Inc., 32 E. 57th Street,  
New York 22.

National Council of American Soviet  
Friendship, Inc., 114 E. 32nd.

BENJAMIN SONKENBERG, 247 Park Avenue.

ILOYD F. GARRISON, 61 Broadway

C. T. Jan & Company, 4 E. 57th Street

HARRY M. WRIGHT, The City College, Convent  
Avenue at 139 Street, New York 31.

G. R. FAURA, C. C., 50 United Nations,  
Lake Success, New York (Mailed from  
Greatneck, N. Y.)

SAN GALZ, 1111 Park Avenue, New York City

WILLIAM J. RALPH, 220 Carpenter Avenue,  
Bronx, New York.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Addressee</u>	<u>Addressor</u>
3/9/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Novel Manufacturing Company, Inc., 188 W. 4th, New York City
3/10/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Room 3D, 20 E. 53 Street, New York City
3/13/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	760 Madison Avenue, New York City
3/17/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Nuvel, Inc., 188 W. Fourth Street, New York City
3/23/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Mrs. ROBERT KEITH, 12 Wildwood Circle, Larchmont, New York
3/24/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	SMILEY PALEY, 45 Chaistysler Street, New York City
3/29/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	SHERMAN LEVIN, 1645 Grand Concourse, Bronx 52, New York
3/29/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Producers Representatives, 1270 Avenue of the American, Rockefeller Center, New York
3/29/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	A. GOLDBERG, 118 or 188 W. 4th Avenue, New York City
4/5/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	PAUL L. ADAMS, Hotel Hutton Hall, 304 W. 92 Street, New York City
<u>OTHER:</u>		
2/30/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	JEAN YASTAKE, Box 106, Pearl City Jahu, Pearl City, Hawaii
1/31/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Isvestia, Moscow, Russia
2/9/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	7 Third Avenue, Clingstone, nr. Mansfield Knits, England.
2/11/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	B. ALLENBERG, Boca Raton Club, Boca Raton, Florida
2/11/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	1244 Martha Custis Drive, Alexandria, Virginia
2/11/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Suite 300, 925 U Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.
2/11/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	1509 W. Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles
2/12/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	JOSEPH L. LEVY, 6755 Wilshire Boulevard
2/10/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Michael Artist Supplies, 6553 Sunset Boulevard, L A
2/10/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Charles G. Cassell Realtor, Cassell Building, Millville, New York
2/10/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	CLAUDE PEPPER, U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C.
2/11/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	523 N. Roxbury Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif.

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2/11/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	ROBERT L. SKILL, Los Angeles, California.
2/12/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	610 W. Robertson Boulevard, Los Angeles
2/12/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	EDWARD D. WYACK, 10719 Yates Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
2/12/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	6526 Lindenhurst Avenue, Los Angeles
2/13/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	121 S. Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills
2/13/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	WILLIAM HETERLE, Box 272, Canoga Park
2/13/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	358 S. Boyle, Los Angeles
2/13/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Bank of America, Box 810, Beverly Hills
2/13/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Screen Actors Guild, 7046 Hollywood Boulevard
2/13/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Mrs. J. R. JUDD, 2490 Makiki Heights Road, Honolulu, Hawaii
2/13/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	JIM FENSMAN, 5353 W. Third St., L A
2/14/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	2444 Silver Ridge, Los Angeles
2/14/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Emanuel Temple Center, 8844 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills
2/15/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	EARL G. WHITNEY, 9476 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills
No Date	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	JOSE FUERTERO, Alfonso I, 32 Tienda, Zaragoza, Spain
No Date	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Mutual Life Insurance Company, 310 W. Sixth, Los Angeles
No Date	Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON	M. L. ESKRIDGE, 2236 Aloha Drive, Honolulu, T. H.
No Date	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	5003 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood 27, California
2/19/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Consulat De France, 448 S. Hill, L A 13.
2/19/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	523 N. Roxbury Drive
2/19/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	342 N. Rodeo, Beverly Hills
2/20/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	H. J. YOUNG, 245 N. Reeves Drive, Beverly Hills

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Date	Addressee	Addressor
2/21/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	121 S. Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills
2/21/48	Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Women's Committee, 2250 Chislehurst Drive, L A 27.
2/24/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	MARY BRAN, International Artist Bureau Agency, 1031 N. Clark Street, Hollywood 46.
2/24/48	Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Angelica Jacket Company, 1201 S. Main Street, L A 15.
2/24/48	Mr. & Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON	California Palace of the Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, San Francisco 21, Calif.
2/25/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	JAMES ROOSEVELT, 210 W. Fifth Street, Los Angeles 13.
2/25/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Mrs. HELEN STEWART, 50 Roslyn Road, Halifax, Nova Scotia
2/26/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Dept. of Oriental Art, Los Angeles County Museum
2/26/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Zionist Organization of America, Room 409, 742 S. Hill Street, Los Angeles 14.
2/27/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Mrs. JACK BERESAN, 10756-2 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles 24.
3/1/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	LEAH SALISBURY, Garden Allah, Villa 7, I A
3/1/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	JOSEPH LEVY, 2756 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills
3/1/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	P. J. FLORES, Silver Springs, Maryland, RFD 2.
3/2/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	BERT CAE, 230 N. Beverly Drive
3/2/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	JACK R. WILLIAMS, 315 N. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, Calif.
3/2/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Station K, Box 184, Los Angeles.
3/3/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	A. SILVERT, 419 S. Robertson, Beverly Hills
3/3/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Mrs. WALKER J. MONIA, 1541 Club View Drive, Los Angeles 24.
3/4/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Lois Lewis, Inc., 269 N. Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills

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Date	Addressee	Addressor
3/4/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Suite 209, 6513 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, 28.
3/5/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	255 S. Peck Drive, Beverly Hills
3/7/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	9013 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles 46.
3/7/48	Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON	CHARLES G. CASSELL, Cassell Building, High & Pine Streets, Millville, New Jersey
3/8/48	Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON	EDWARD, University of Southern California, Department of Fine Arts, Los Angeles
3/8/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Costs Antiques, 517 1/2 Eighth Street, Rapid City, South Dakota
3/8/48	Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Mrs. ELSIE RIZER WOLDIKE, 5616 Thirteenth Street, N.W., Washington 12, D. C.
3/8/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	ROBERT G. VOSE, 559 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass.
3/9/48	Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON	HARRY E. SOKOLOV, 6253 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles 28.
3/9/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	P. O. Box 255, Anaheim, California
3/10/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Mr. and Mrs. GREGG M. SINCLAIR, University of Hawaii, Honolulu.
3/10/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	PETER B. SIEPTENKO, 475 N. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, Calif.
3/11/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	G. JESSEL, Box 900, Beverly Hills, Calif.
3/11/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	L. G. POWERS, 3224 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif.
3/11/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Mrs. ELSIE PIASKI, 310 Eighth Street, International Falls, Minnesota
3/12/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	955 N. Kings Road, Hollywood 46.
3/12/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	121 S. Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills
3/14/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	6674 Yucca Street, Los Angeles
3/15/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	M. LEBROTH, 1406 Lebere Drive, Manhattan, Kansas
3/15/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	10845 LaConte Avenue, Los Angeles 24.
3/15/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	WILLIAM V. O'CONNOR, 530 W. Sixth Street, Los Angeles
3/15/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Room 604, Paramount Building, 323 W. Sixth Street
3/15/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	JULES SEIDMAN, 3610 W. Sixth Street, Los Angeles.
3/4/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Kun Hua Technical School, Long Chan Street, Kunming Street Kunming, Yunnan Province, China
3/5/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	CHARLES G. CASSELL, Millville, New Jersey

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Date	Addressee	Addressor
3/6/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	MARY ARMUR, 420 N. Kings Road
3/8/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Mrs. IZILAND ATHEKTON IRISH, 5733 Virginia Avenue, Hollywood 38
3/8/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	HARPO MARX, 9155 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, 46.
3/8/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Howard G. Mayer & Associates, Tribune Tower, Chicago, Illinois
3/8/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 112 W. Ninth, Suite 1203, Los Angeles
3/15/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	ALBIN DATES, 528 Genet Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania
3/15/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	M. DONALD RIGLING, 634 E. Gerhart Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
3/17/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	PHILLIP H. ROSEBACK, Huerta #2, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles
3/17/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	The Voice, 406 S. Main, Los Angeles, 16.
3/17/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Mrs. FRANK KEENAN, Stanley Hotel, 1735 Wilcox, Los Angeles, 28.
3/18/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	2108 West Boulevard, Los Angeles, 16
3/18/48	Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON	861 N. LaCienega, Los Angeles, 46.
3/19/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	JOSEPH C. HINSCHWILB, 609 Park Avenue, Bay City, Michigan
3/19/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Americans for Haganah, Inc., 39 W. 69 Street, New York City
3/20/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Mrs. FRED EATON, 1122 C. E. Losington Drive, Glendale, California
3/21/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	M. GLASS, 133 N. LaJolla Avenue, Los Angeles
3/22/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Suite 3, 2511 Wilshire Boulevard
3/22/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Room 1100, 208 W. Eighth, Los Angeles
3/23/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	JEAN TAGERT, 2930 Crestmoore Place, Los Angeles
3/23/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	J. GALSTF, 342 N. Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills.
No Date	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	INGEMANN TOFT HANSEN, Rostrupvej 2, Aalborg, Denmark
3/25/48	Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON	1003 Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica, Calif.
3/28/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Exp. Rubio Livio, 8 Rue De Platre, Hotel Des Archives, Paris, France
3/29/48	Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON	4252 Clybourne Avenue, Burbank, Calif.
3/30/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	1324 S. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, 15.
3/30/48	Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON	320 Homewood Road, Los Angeles
3/31/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	LORE SCHARY, 226 1/2 S. Lasky Drive, Beverly Hills

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Addressee</u>	<u>Addressor</u>
3/31/48	Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON	Mrs. BERTRAM ALLENBERG, 9221 Hasen Drive, Beverly Hills.
3/32/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	P. A. PALMER, 3333 Via Lido, Newport Beach, California
3/31/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	JOSEPH L. LEVY, 8756 Wilshire Boulevard
4/10/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	SAMUEL NEWMAN, M.D., 770 Main Street, Danville, Virginia
4/10/48	EDWARD G. ROBINSON	GEORGE W. PROST, 419 1/2 Keys Avenue, Springfield, Illinois
4/14/48	Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON	JEAN B. CAMPBELL, 411 Westmount Drive, Los Angeles, 36.
4/15/48	Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON	2071 Grace Avenue, Hollywood, 28.

The above names were checked against the Los Angeles indices and, unless stated to the contrary, no derogatory information was found. Identifying information regarding those addresses with no names is set forth.

The address 1609 W. Washington Boulevard was determined to be the address of JOHN B. BERTERO, an attorney. The Los Angeles indices reflect that BERTERO is the Executive Secretary of the Fox West Coast Theaters Corporation at Washington and Vermont Streets.

Information regarding the identity of JOSEPH L. LEVY has been set out elsewhere.

The address of 6526 Lindenhurst Avenue was determined to be that of ALBERT MAITZ. Los Angeles files reflect that MAITZ is a free lance writer, was a member of the CP in 1945, on one occasion contacted EUGENE TUMANTSEV, Soviet Vice Consul in Los Angeles; is active in Communist front organizations, and presently under investigation by the Thomas Committee on Un-American Affairs and is presently under indictment for contempt of Congress.

WILLIAM DIETERLE, Box 272, Canoga Park, has been the Subject of an Internal Security - R investigation in the Los Angeles Division. Both DIETERLE and his wife are contacts of GREGORY WHELFETS, former espionage agent on the west coast, and have been active in CP front organizations.

The address of 5353 W. Third Street, Los Angeles, was determined to be the Los Angeles Art Center School, telephone WE. 5166.

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Henry Mayer at this address  
the general and advertising business  
Mayer Co. 2301 West 3rd St.  
Los Angeles

It is noted that on February 13, 1948, ROBINSON received a communication from JIM ENDMAN; the Los Angeles indices were checked with negative results.

The address of 2444 Silver Ridge was determined to be that of one HENRY MAYER. The Los Angeles indices reflect a Dr. HENRY MAYER of San Francisco who is the Subject of a separate investigation in the San Francisco Division. He is believed identical with Lieutenant HENRY MAKER, one-time Navy doctor and a known contact of LOUISE R. BRANSTEN and a frequent contact of Soviet officials in the San Francisco Division. The Los Angeles files also show that on June 29, 1943, a woman representing HENRY MAYER contacted V. V. PASTDEV (Soviet Vice Consul) for the pro-Russian Salutation to use in the crusier, "Los Angeles," bond campaign.

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The address of 5008 Sunset Boulevard was determined to be that of Jean Gordon and Associates, real estate property management.

The address of 523 N. Roxbury Drive, Beverly Hills, was determined to be that of MAX ADLER.

The criss-cross directory reflects that 342 N. Rodeo in Beverly Hills is the address of FRANK CHESTER, E. CHESTER and J. GALAPP, Income Tax.

On March 2, 1948, ROBINSON received a communication from Station K, Box 184, Los Angeles, California. Source A-40 advised that the above box is held by CHARLES E. WERRY. This box was rented on November 22, 1934, and at that time the address given was 1019 E. 25th Street, Los Angeles 11, California.

Investigation reflects that Suite 209, 6613 Hollywood Boulevard, is the address of Rabbi ALFRED WOLF, Union of American Hebrew Congregation. The indices reflect that HARRY E. SOROLOV, 6253 Hollywood Boulevard, contacted one FRITZ LORTNER, 120 Homewood, who was under investigation in connection with Free German activities in the Los Angeles area. He also was in contact with MARTIN and FRANCIS EISENBERG, 3350 W. Ninth Street, Los Angeles, who are mentioned in the ALTO case.

Investigation determined that the address at 955 N. Kings Road is that of Mrs. EDITH STROUSSE.

The reverse directory reflects that 6674 Yucca Street is the address of the Yucca Brokers, Associated.

The reverse directory reflects that Room 664 Paramount Building, at 323 W. Sixth Street, is the mailing address for the Christian Council on Palestine.

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The indices reflect that Mrs. LILLIAN ATHERTON IRISH, 5733 Virginia Avenue, was a member of the Executive Committee of the Russian War Relief, was a member of the Russian American Club as of February 14, 1945, and was invited to attend a farewell party at the Russian American Club on October 1, 1944, in honor of V. V. PASTOREV.

The reverse directory reflects that 2108 West Boulevard is the mailing address for Mrs. ANNIE B. TENNYSON.

Investigation reflects that 861 N. LaCienega is the address of ELIZABETH HARDCASTLE and DICK SMITH, interior decorators.

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On March 21, 1948, ROBINSON received a communication from Mr. GLASS, 133 N. La Jolla Avenue, Los Angeles. The Los Angeles indices reflect that one M. GLASS of 1871 Barrett Road transferred from the Hudson CP Club in the Harbor Section to the Building Trades Communist Club in the 19th C. E. Section on March 6, 1943.

The reverse directory reflects that Room 1100, 208 W. Eighth Street, is the mailing address of Mt. Sinai Hospital and Clinic.

On March 25, 1948, Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON received a communication from 1003 Ocean Front in Santa Monica. The writer conducted a pretext interview at this address on April 23, 1948, and it was determined that Mrs. CAREY resides at 1003 Ocean Front. After a conversation relating to general matters, it was learned that Mrs. GLADYS ROBINSON and her father-in-law, believed to be a Mr. WESTERVELT, had spent several weeks at Mrs. CAREY's in the summer of 1947. Mrs. CAREY advised that Mrs. GLADYS ROBINSON did a lot of painting in the front room of her residence which faces the ocean. Mrs. CAREY advised the agent that GLADYS ROBINSON had recently sailed for France, where she was exhibiting her paintings, and that EDWARD G. ROBINSON, her husband, was expected to join her when their son finished school.

The reverse directory reflects that 1324 S. Figueroa Street is the address of the Cigar Company Manufacturing.

On March 31, 1948, EDWARD G. ROBINSON received a communication from DURE SCHARY of 2264 S. Lasky Drive. The indices reflect that he is an executive producer at RKO and over a period of years has appeared sympathetic to the Communist cause.

The criss cross directory reflects that 255 Peck Drive is the mailing address of Drs. R. J. BIRNELL and FRANK O. SMOOT.

Investigation determined that Suite 3, 2511 Wilshire Boulevard, is the mailing address of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

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THE NEW YORK DIVISION

At New York, New York: Will check names of individuals set forth in the mail cover against the New York indices and report any information which may appear pertinent to this investigation. ~~b2~~ ~~b7D~~

Will reinterview [redacted] and obtain all information regarding ROBINSON's membership in the Communist Party. 10028

Will determine the nature and general business reputation of A. Sulka and Company, 561 Fifth Avenue, and C. T. Lee & Company, 4 E. 57th, New York 22, New York.

Will contact Customs and place stops against EDWARD G. ROBINSON and his wife in order that the Los Angeles Division may be alerted when they return from France.

Will review New York indices on EDWARD G. ROBINSON and wife, GLADYS LLOYD ROBINSON, for any information of a possible espionage significance not previously reported.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

At Washington, D. C.: Will identify person or persons residing at Suite 3, 925 U Street, N.W., as reflected in mail cover on February 11, 1948. (108)

Will check the indices and identify Mrs. ELSIE RIZER WOLLKE, 5616 13th Street, N.W., who communicated with Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON on March 8, 1948.

Will institute investigation to determine further information regarding Major GILBERT MACKEY, who requested GLADYS LLOYD ROBINSON to entertain Colonel ILIA SARAEV when he visited the west coast in 1944.

Will attempt to identify Colonel GUERNEY who identified himself to EDWARD G. ROBINSON as a Canadian Military Attache, stating that he was a friend of GLADYS ROBINSON. GUERNEY probably met GLADYS ROBINSON in Washington in September, 1944.

Will review indices on EDWARD G. ROBINSON and wife for any information or contacts of possible espionage significance not previously reported.

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THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California: Will continue to report information secured through informants of this office.

Will report results of the mail cover on EDWARD G. ROBINSON at 910 Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills. (X)(u)

Will make further investigation regarding the nationalistic sympathies of JOSEPH L. LAMY, manager of EDWARD G. ROBINSON.

Will check the indices and identify CHARLES E. WIEFFY, reflected in a mail cover dated March 2, 1948. (X)(u) 10029

Will determine the identity of the occupants at 4252 Glyndon Avenue, Burbank, as reflected in the mail cover on March 29, 1948. (X)(u)

Will determine the identity of the occupants at 320 Homewood Road, Los Angeles, as reflected in a mail cover dated March 30, 1948. (X)(u)

Will, if authorized, interview SAMUEL H. BERCH regarding his contacts with the Russian Vice Consulate and his association with ROBINSON. (X)(u)

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- Source A-1: Confidential informant [redacted], in the report of SA [redacted] dated 8/6/45 at New York entitled, "EDWARD G. ROBINSON, with aliases, et al; INTERNAL SECURITY R," 100-22505-82. b7c
- Source A-2: Report of SA [redacted] dated 10/30/45 at Washington, D.C., entitled "EDWARD G. ROBINSON, with aliases; INTERNAL SECURITY R," 100-22505-86.
- Source A-3: Publication, "Who's Who in American Jewry," for the years 1937 and 1938, pages 860 and 861. 10030
- Source A-4: Local Draft Board #246, Beverly Hills, California, in the report of SA [redacted] dated 10/16/44 at Los Angeles, in instant case.
- Source A-5: Report of SA [redacted] dated 8/6/45 at New York in instant case, 100-22505-82.
- Source A-6: [CONF. INFO.] [redacted] dated 6/27/44. (u) b7c
- Source A-7: Report of SA [redacted] dated 11/15/43 at Los Angeles entitled "COMINTERN APPARATUS; INTERNAL SECURITY - R," 100-18710-378.
- Source A-8: Washington letter to the Bureau dated 9/22/44, captioned "NICHOLAS GEORGE DERACHET, with alias; INTERNAL SECURITY - R."
- Source A-9: Report of SA [redacted] dated 11/16/44 at Los Angeles, entitled "NICHOLAS GEORGE DERACHET, with alias; INTERNAL SECURITY - R," 65-3886-9. b7c
- Source A-10: Report of SA [redacted] dated 11/16/44 at Los Angeles, entitled, "NICHOLAS GEORGE DERACHET, with alias; INTERNAL SECURITY - R," 100-10069-4.
- Source A-11: Information from the Bureau dated 1/5/48, file 65-4528-17, regarding [redacted] b1/b7c
- Source A-12: Report of SA [redacted] dated 10/16/44 at Los Angeles in instant case. b7c
- Source A-13: CONF. INFO. [redacted] dated 1/15/45.

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Source A-14: Report of SA [redacted] dated 10/16/44 at Los Angeles, entitled "EDWARD G. ROBINSON, with alias; INTERNAL SECURITY R," Los Angeles file 100-22505-6, p.5.

Source A-15: [redacted] of above report. (u)

Source A-16: [redacted] of above report.

Source A-17: Memorandum dated 1/22/44, file 100-18674-120.

Source A-18: [redacted] report of SA [redacted] dated 10/16/44 at Los Angeles, entitled "EDWARD G. ROBINSON, with alias; INTERNAL SECURITY - R," file 100-22505-6. 10031

Source A-19: Report of SA [redacted] dated 5/16/44 at Los Angeles, entitled "RUSSIAN CONSULATE, Los Angeles; INTERNAL SECURITY R; ESPIONAGE R," file 100-5955. (u)

Source A-20: Report of SA [redacted] dated 6/15/44 at Los Angeles, entitled "SODAG; INTERNAL SECURITY - R," 100-5955-135, p.9. (u)

Source A-21: Report of SA [redacted] dated 12/27/43 at Los Angeles, entitled "RUSSIAN CONSULATE, Los Angeles; INTERNAL SECURITY - R; ESPIONAGE - R," 100-5955-CONF. INT. (u)

Source A-22: [redacted], dated November 29, 1944.

Source A-23: New York letter to the Bureau dated May 6, 1946, re "NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN SOVIET FRIENDSHIP; INTERNAL SECURITY - C."

Source A-24: Memorandum dated 2/13/48 in 100-23603-94.

Source A-25: Memorandum dated 4/9/47 in 100-3404-7.

Source A-26: Report of SA [redacted] dated December 10, 1941, at New York entitled, "LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WRITERS; INTERNAL SECURITY - C."

Source A-27: Memorandum dated 11/15/41 re "AMERICAN RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF" in 100-7973-3.

Source A-28: Memorandum re "RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF, INC.; QUARTERLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY," 100-7973-198. (u) (x)

Source A-29: Report of SA [redacted] dated 2/4/44 at Los Angeles, entitled, "RUSSIAN CONSULATE, Los Angeles; INTERNAL SECURITY - R; ESPIONAGE - R," 100-5955.

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- Source A-30: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 1/6/44 at Los Angeles in 100-18539-92, p.12.
- Source A-31: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 3/23/44 at Los Angeles entitled, "OTTO RATZ, with alias; SECURITY MATTER - R," 100-15865-210, p.11. b7C
- Source A-32: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 7/13/44 at Los Angeles, 100-18710-1550, p.49. b7C (u)(x)
- Source A-33: [REDACTED] in the report of SA [REDACTED] dated 10/16/44 at Los Angeles in instant case. b7C
- Source A-34: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 1/16/46 at Los Angeles; entitled "AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY; INTERNAL SECURITY - C," 100-20035-447. 10032
- Source A-35: Memorandum dated 3/6/45 re "MUSICIANS CONGRESS; INTERNAL SECURITY - C," 100-21181 [REDACTED] b7C
- Source A-36: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 4/4/46 at Los Angeles entitled, "LION FREUCHTWANGER; INTERNAL SECURITY - R."
- Source A-37: LOUIS F. BUDENZ in file 100-24127-1.
- Source A-39: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 10/23/47 at Los Angeles, entitled "JOHN HOWARD LAWSON; INTERNAL SECURITY - C." b7C
- Source A-40: Communication from MICHAEL D. FANNINI, U. S. Postmaster, Los Angeles, 100-22505-137. b7C
- Source A-41: Report of SA [REDACTED], dated 2/14/48 at San Francisco, entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ESPIONAGE - R," 65-4523.
- Source A-42: Files of Dun & Bradstreet.

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Director, FBI

Re: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Dear Sir:

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated April 22, 1948,  
and Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated May 12, 1948.

As previously reflected in above correspondence, ~~SAUEL~~  
~~H. BERNHARD~~ have been closely associated  
with EDWARD G. ROBINSON. Investigation has determined  
[redacted] Inves-  
[redacted]

Memorandum from the Bureau dated May 12, 1948, reflects  
that the Bureau may possibly have information not contained in the  
Los Angeles files. In order that investigation of ~~SAUEL~~ H. BERNHARD  
may be given expeditious attention, it is requested that the Bureau  
files be searched and that any additional information contained  
therein be furnished to the Los Angeles Office.

Very truly yours,

memo for [redacted]  
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[Signature]  
R. E. MOON, SAC

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Reference is made to Los Angeles letter dated June 16, 1948, requesting that the files of the Bureau be searched against the name of Samuel H. Barsh.

You are advised that a thorough search against the files of the Bureau fails to reflect any information which can be identified with Barsh that is not already available to your office.

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ON **09/07/99**

**APPROPRIATE # 98-2440**

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Passport record reflects **GLADYS LLOYD ROBINSON** born October 11, 1895, at Yonkers, New York. No passport record for **SAMUEL H. BERGER** and wife. Suite 3, 925 U Street, N. W., is office of United Negro and Allied Veterans of America. Listed by Attorney General as subversive. **ELSI RIGER** (HOLDING), 5616 13th Street, N. W., is former actress. Major **GILBERT KACMAN** is attorney in civilian life with office at 535 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Had assigned in Washington, D. C., during war. [REDACTED] was German Military Attache, Washington, D. C., from October 1945 to October 1946.

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Reason - FCIM II, 1-2.4.2

Date of Review **8/21/99**

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 19, 1948, at Los Angeles.

**DETAILS:**

**AT WASHINGTON, D. C.**

A review of the passport records at the U. S. Department of State reflect that on February 6, 1936, Passport No. 252681 was issued to **GLADYS LLOYD ROBINSON** who was born October 11, 1895, at Yonkers, New York. Mrs. ROBINSON stated that she desired to go to England and France to travel. [REDACTED] born at New York City [REDACTED] was also included in this passport.

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On February 1, 1945, EDWARD G. ROBINSON submitted an application for an amendment of his Passport No. 55375, issued March 15, 1944, to include the name of his wife, GLADYS LLOYD ROBINSON. This passport amendment application was acted upon favorably.

GLADYS LLOYD ROBINSON was issued Passport No. 174365 January 17, 1947, in order that she might travel to South America. The application for the passport reflected that she planned to leave New York City at LaGuardia Field January 27, 1947, via Pan-American Airways for Brazil, Argentina and Chile. The passport application reflected that Mrs. ROBINSON had previously visited England, France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Hungary and Denmark.

The following background information concerning GLADYS LLOYD ROBINSON was obtained from the passport file:

Age	33
Born	October 11, 1895 Yonkers, New York
Height	5 ft. 3 in.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Father	GLENN CORNELIUS CASSILL Born Philadelphia, 1871 (deceased)
Mother	EUGENIA LABEL LLOYD Born New York City 1872 (deceased)
Marital Status	Married - EDWARD G. ROBINSON January 1927 in Pennsylvania Formerly married to ALLEN L. WESTERVELT (?) having married him in 1913 and divorced "about 1922".

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A search of the passport records, U. S. Department of State was caused by Special Agent [REDACTED] concerning SAMUEL H. BERCH, alias SAMUEL HARRY BERCHANSKY and his wife ROSE BERCH. No record of any passport application could be located.

Reference report reflects that subject has received mail postmarked, Suite No. 3, 925 U Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. It was ascertained that the address is the office of the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America, which organization was recently listed by the Attorney General of the United States as being of a subversive nature. The organization is national in scope and according to Confidential Informant [REDACTED] Commander, GEORGE B. LUDWIG, [REDACTED] is a member of the Communist Party. 62

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This informant has advised that prior to the time that the National Headquarters were moved from New York City to Washington, the local Chapter in Washington, D. C., was operated by ~~ELLEN TAYLOR~~, Chairman of the Communist Party at Washington, D. C.

Confidential Informant [redacted] has advised that the first convention of the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America was held in the spring of 1946 and that many nationally known Communist figures attended. Five members of the Communist Party at Washington, D. C. were in attendance. (S)(u)

Reference report also reflects that subject has been in correspondence with ~~ELSI RIEZER WOLDINE~~, 5616 13th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. The records of the Credit Bureau were searched by [redacted], Special Employee. In a report dated May 24, 1945, Mrs. WOLDINE was listed as unemployed, middle-aged and the wife of a Colonel in the United States Army who at that time was residing in Finland. Mrs. WOLDINE has resided at 5616 13th Street, N. W., in Apartment 307 since 1939. Previously she resided at the home of her father, the late Colonel E. C. ALZAM at 1464 Belmont Road, N. W.

Mrs. E. E. GIBSON, Resident Manager of the apartment house at 5616 13th Street, N. W., advised that ~~ELSI RIEZER WOLDINE~~ is the former ~~ELSI RIEZER WOLDINE~~, an actress of the stage. Mrs. GIBSON stated that ~~ELSI RIEZER WOLDINE~~ is separated from her husband, Colonel WOLDINE. The Resident Manager stated that Mrs. WOLDINE has an excellent reputation.

Reference report reflects that in 1944 Major GILBERT MACKAY is known to have been in contact with GLADYS LYON ROBINSON at which time Major MACKAY requested that Mrs. ROBINSON entertain Colonel ILIN SARAEV of the Soviet Embassy when the latter visited in California. The city directory reflects that GILBERT MACKAY occupied Apartment 503, 1800 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Mrs. MARGARET McMAHON, Resident Manager of this building, advised that Major GILBERT MACKAY resided at this address during 1943 and 1944, sharing an apartment with one ARTHUR E. KROEGER. These men were attached to the Adjutant General's Office, to Mrs. McMAHON's recollection and were members of a law firm with addresses at 535 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

GILBERT MACKAY traveled in the diplomatic and social set and spent most of his time attending cocktail parties and playing golf. Mrs. McMAHON stated that MACKAY came from a wealthy family and upon his release from the Army returned to New York City to continue his law practice at 535 Fifth Avenue, New York City. There is no derogatory information concerning MACKAY in the indices of the Washington Field Office.

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b7c [Reference report reflects that in 1944 a [redacted] who identified himself to EDWARD G. ROBINSON as a [redacted], stated that he was a friend of GLADYS ROBINSON. The diplomatic list issued by the Department of State reflects that [redacted], became [redacted] of the [redacted] at Washington, D. C. in October 1943. He remained in Washington, D. C. until October 1945, having been promoted to a full Colonel. He is known to have resided at 2100 Massachusetts Avenue and at 1661 Crescent Street, N. W. There is no derogatory information in the files of the Washington Field Office concerning [redacted].

A review of the indices of the Washington Field Office concerning EDWARD G. ROBINSON and GLADYS LYON ROBINSON does not reflect any information of a derogatory nature which has not been previously reported.

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EDWARD G. ROBINSON, ~~WA~~ WA, ESPIONAGE R, REBUTEL MARCH SEVEN  
ZEN LAST, TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE BEING INSTALLED NOW  
THAT ROBINSON HAS RETURNED. BUREAU WILL BE APPROPRIATELY  
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On May 17, 1948, the Los Angeles Times carried an article which reflected that ROBINSON was present at the home of film director WILLIAM WYLER, 1121 Summit Drive, where a group of film notables had gathered to pay their respects to HENRY A. WALLACE. Among those in attendance was CHARLES A. CHALFON, whose pro-Communist and pro-Russian sympathies are well known.

With reference to WILLIAM WYLER, the Los Angeles files reflect that he is an associate of many Communists in the Los Angeles area. He participated in the Russian War Relief rally at the Shrine Auditorium on December 3, 1941, in which EDWARD G. ROBINSON was on the same program. [REDACTED] b7D

The files further reflect that WILLIAM WELLMAN, well known leftist writer and pro-Russian sympathizer, [REDACTED] b1

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Variety newspaper, datelined August 19, 1948, carried an article which reflected that EDWARD G. ROBINSON, his wife and son arrived in New York on this date from Europe en route to Hollywood. Mrs. ROBINSON gave an exhibit of her paintings in Paris, where she was joined by her husband.

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SAMUEL H. BERCH [REDACTED]

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Reference report reflects that SAMUEL H. BERCH [REDACTED] are close associates of the ROBINSONS. [REDACTED] (c)

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(2) [REDACTED] It has  
also been reliably reported by [REDACTED]

By letter dated June 14, 1948, the Seattle Division was requested to review its files for any information regarding SAMUEL H. BERCH [REDACTED] and to contact the Immigration and Naturalization Service for information relative to their naturalization.

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Seattle, Washington, reflect the following information relative to SAMUEL HARRY BERCH:

Naturalization Certificate No.	2151253, Volume 43, page 145, of the U. S. District Court, Western District of Washington.
Country of birth or allegiance	George V, King of Great Britain, and Ireland
Born	December 20, 1888, Russia.
Date & Port of Arrival in U.S.	April 15, 1919, Seattle
Date naturalized	March 23, 1925
Witnesses	[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

The records of the United States District Court relative to SAMUEL BERCH reflect that he filed Declaration of Intention Number 17865 on October 26, 1921, stating that he was also known as SAMUEL HARRY BERCHANSKY. At this time he was thirty-two years of age; his occupation was that of an ice cream manufacturer. He was of the white race, 5'6" tall, 190 pounds, dark brown hair and brown eyes. He stated that he was born in Bobruisk, Russia, December 20, 1888. He was presently residing at 726 17th Avenue North, Seattle. He stated that he came to the United States from Vancouver, British Columbia, and that his former residence was Winnipeg, Canada. He stated that his wife's name was ROSE, that she was born in Russia, and that he arrived in Seattle January 15, 1918, and owed allegiance to George V, King of England. He listed the following children on his petition for naturalization #20188, which was filed on December 10, 1924:

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SYBIL ISAAC, born November 17, 1912, Winnipeg, Canada  
IRENE, born March 19, 1915, Winnipeg.  
VERA LEAH, born March 12, 1919, Winnipeg  
BEATRICE EDITH, born February 4, 1924, Seattle, Washington

The witnesses listed were the same as those listed at the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and these records reflect that he was allowed citizenship on March 28, 1925.

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[REDACTED]

The Seattle Office indices were negative as to the above-captioned individuals.

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The following persons were interviewed for information regarding [REDACTED] with negative results:

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THE NEW YORK DIVISION

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\* At New York, New York: Will check names of individuals [REDACTED] in reference report against the New York indices and report any information which may appear pertinent to this investigation.

\* Will reinterview [REDACTED]

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\* Will review New York indices on EDWARD G. ROBINSON [REDACTED] for any information of a possible espionage significance not previously reported.

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Will check the names of individuals [REDACTED] in instant report against the New York indices and report any information which may appear pertinent to this investigation.

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Will also identify [REDACTED]

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THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California: Will continue to report information secured through informants of this office.

Will report [REDACTED] on EDWARD G. ROBINSON at 915 Ruxford Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

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Copies of this report are being furnished the Washington Field Office and San Francisco Office because of ROBINSON's close association in the MCCABE investigation.

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SAC, Los Angeles

October 26, 1948

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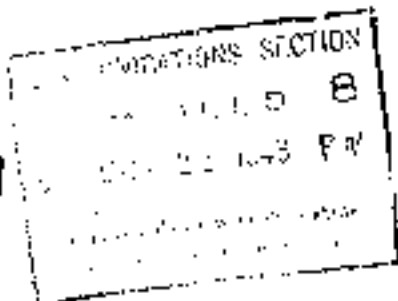
Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 17, 1948 at Los Angeles, in which is reported information received from Confidential Source [REDACTED]

It is believed that the Los Angeles Office should make every effort at this time to corroborate Robinson's present feelings in this regard as reported by this source. It is believed that if Robinson is in this frame of mind at the present time, consideration should again be given to conducting a thorough and detailed interview with him.

The results of your inquiries in this respect should be reported to the Bureau, together with your recommendations for future investigation of this case.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
Los Angeles 13, California  
September 29, 1948

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Director, FBI

Attention: Security Division

DECLASSIFIED BY *SP-6 J. J. [illegible]*  
ON *4-12-88*

RE: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Dear Sir:

Technical surveillances established upon the above-named individual's residence at 910 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, at 1:00 P.M., September 28, 1948, telephone - Westview 6-6115 will be [redacted] telephone - b2  
Brookshaw 2-1562 will be [redacted] Both surveillances covered at Central Plant. Full security assured.

Very truly yours,

G. I. R. 3

*[Signature]*  
R. B. HODG, SAC.

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United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles 13, California  
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Director, FBI

RE: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
Bureau File 100-337779

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ON 9-12-88

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated October 26, 1948, concerning the above-captioned individual, in which the Bureau recommended that the Los Angeles Office make every effort to determine EDWARD G. ROBINSON's present feelings with a view to conducting a thorough and detailed interview with him.

With reference to the above the Los Angeles Office would like to make the following observations:

Since ROBINSON [redacted] returned to Los Angeles in August, 1948, no information has been developed which indicates that ROBINSON [redacted] engaged in Russian espionage or subversive activities of any kind.

[redacted]

It is pointed out that SAM JAFFE, an actor [redacted] lived with the ROBINSONs until a short time ago at which time he returned to New York.

Reliable sources have reported that this friendship between ROBINSON and JAFFE does not appear to stem from a sharing of political ideologies but rather a mutual feeling for ROBINSON's sixteen year old son, MARY, who has been a source of much trouble to the ROBINSON family. Lengthy conversations between JAFFE and ROBINSON would substantiate this statement.

ROBINSON has had frequent contact with [redacted] a known Communist Party member, and a friend of ROBINSON's over a period of years. The basis for these contacts are unknown although on one occasion ROBINSON invited [redacted] to his home but informed him that he could not discuss politics.

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Memo to Dir  
Re: Dis. from him to  
interview. L.W. notes  
instructions are not  
to interview now  
when case is  
imminent. T.M.D.  
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To: Director, FBI

January 6, 1948

RE: EDWARD G. ROBINSON

It is also pointed out that in a recent conversation with [REDACTED] ROBINSON criticized the actions of the "Unfriendly Ten" witnesses even though [REDACTED] did not seem to agree with him. b7c

Inasmuch as no evidence has been developed which reflects that ROBINSON [REDACTED] engaged in Russian espionage, it is believed that an interview of ROBINSON could be successfully had at this time. Suggestions set forth in referenced Bureau letter will be followed and sources close to ROBINSON will be contacted prior to interviewing him to determine his present feelings if such an interview is granted. It is believed that an interview of ROBINSON would not jeopardize any present investigations being conducted by the Bureau or this office. b7c

[REDACTED] b7c  
In any event, such a move should be postponed until ROBINSON has been thoroughly questioned. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

In order to bring this investigation to a conclusion it is requested that permission to interview ROBINSON be granted. If it is agreed that EDWARD G. ROBINSON be interviewed at this time any suggestions which the Bureau has to offer as to how this interview should be conducted would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

  
R. S. HOOD

[REDACTED] b7c  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, California  
January 7, 1949**

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ON 4-2-88

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Director, FBI

RE: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R.

Dear Sir:

Source [redacted] was present in the home of EDWARD G. ROBINSON on evening of January 6, 1949 at which time ROBINSON engaged in a conversation with [redacted] (Ph) in Washington, D.C. [redacted] requested ROBINSON's assistance in doing a radio transcription in connection with an affair to be held in New York on February 19th, and according to [redacted] the President will be present at this meeting. ROBINSON agreed to do this for [redacted] and after some discussion regarding the plans for the transcription, ROBINSON asked [redacted] what he was doing in Washington, at which time [redacted] overheard the following conversation:

R. What are you doing in Washington?  
[redacted] I have to see—you know we are very persons grata with the President on seeing Ross and a couple of other people—  
H. Seeing who?—I see, Ross, yes.  
[redacted] Charlie Ross.  
R. How does it look?  
[redacted] Oh, wonderful—he is really coming—  
H. What about it, is there going to be a war or something?  
[redacted] I don't think there will be a war, no sir, and I think he is going to do very right on the domestic side—the group is backing him.  
R. Yes, I wonder how about our own question?  
[redacted] I think he has to come through now, MARSHALL has ditched him.  
R. He's what? MARSHALL has what?  
[redacted] Is ditched in the nicest way.  
R. Yes.  
[redacted] And LOVELL will resign before January 20th, mark my word.  
H. Yes—how about FORRESTAL?  
[redacted] He is already scheduled to go out. They're giving him all the face saving he wants, but he will go out soon.  
R. Who is going to take his place?  
[redacted] ROBINSON, I think.  
R. Who is that?  
[redacted] Former Assistant Secretary of War, years ago for Roosevelt.  
[redacted] Did you remember—



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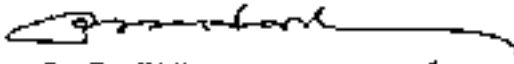
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INTERNAL SECURITY - R.

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- R. I see, yes. Will you have [redacted] get in touch with me about a week or so?  
Right—and give my—  
R. But in the meantime, work on that script—well, have [redacted] do it, but  
don't get somebody—

The above information is being furnished to the Bureau for information purposes.

Very truly yours,

  
R. E. HOOD  
Special Agent in Charge

[redacted] b7c  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

NY FILE NO. 100-69192

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/10/49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/22, 23, 24; 10/25, 26, 28/48</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b> <span style="float: right;">b7c</span>
TITLE <b>EDWARD G. ROBINSON, was.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**Confidential Informant** b7D

**[REDACTED]**

Results of indices check set forth.

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**REFERENCES:**

Bureau File 100-337779 b7c  
Report of SA **[REDACTED]** 5/19/48, Los Angeles.  
Report of SA **[REDACTED]** 9/17/48, Los Angeles.

**DETAILS:**

In compliance with the leads set out in Los Angeles report dated 5/19/48, Confidential Informant **[REDACTED]** was interviewed as to his knowledge of ROBINSON's activities and association with the Communist Party. b7D

**[REDACTED]**

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *Edward G. Robinson*  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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In connection with the leads set out in referenced report of May 19, 1948 to [REDACTED] b7E

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In connection with the lead set out in referenced report of May 19, 1948 to check the indices of this office on ROBINSON [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] it was determined that no information of possible espionage nature existed which has not been previously made known to the Los Angeles office.

Referenced Los Angeles report of May 19, 1948 requested that this office check the names of individuals [REDACTED] b7E reported in referenced report. These names have been checked against the indices of this office and the following references were noted:

[REDACTED]

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Referenced Los Angeles report of September 17, 1948 requested this office to check its indices against the names [REDACTED] reported in the referenced report. It further requested this office to identify [REDACTED]

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

LOS ANGELES

FILE NO. 100-22505

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 2-24-49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-17-48 through 12-14-48	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE EDWARD G. ROBINSON, was.		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R	
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No information developed during the period of this report which reflects that EDWARD G. ROBINSON [REDACTED] engaged in Russian espionage activity. ROBINSON and wife have told friends they are not interested in politics. ROBINSON and wife continue to meet socially with individuals who are communists or who are identified with Communist front activities. EDWARD G. ROBINSON continuing efforts to screen and radio work.

[REDACTED] was at ROBINSON'S home for brief visit. [REDACTED] lived with the ROBINSONS until a short time ago when he recently returned to Europe. Miscellaneous information set out. [REDACTED] reviewed. Information [REDACTED] noted.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File 100-337207.  
Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 9-17-48, at Los Angeles.

DETAILS:

During the period of this report no information has been developed which indicates that ROBINSON [REDACTED] engaged in Russian espionage activity.

A source close to the family has advised that ROBINSON no longer makes contributions to any organization which he knows to be Communist dominated or which is a Communist front organization. ROBINSON has been approached by

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from organizations regarding the use of his name as a sponsor and he has refused. Both ROBINSON and his wife have expressed themselves as having no interest in politics and no desire to work for the "cause." However, during the period of this report ROBINSON has been closely associated with [REDACTED] a Communist, who was active in the WALLACE campaign. Both ROBINSON and his wife met socially with persons closely identified with Communist Party activities. SAM JAFFE, [REDACTED] lived with the ROBINSONS until a short time ago and the ROBINSONS "gave" JAFFE their vote in the recent election. b7c b7D

ROBINSON is frequently contacted for permission to view his art collection. [REDACTED] b7c

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In evaluating information furnished by Source [REDACTED] during the period of this report, it appears at times that ROBINSON is sincere and is trying to disassociate himself from Communist activity. However, he continues to meet with known Communists. His association with SAM JAFFE does not appear to stem from a sharing of political ideologies but rather from a mutual interest in trying to help MANNIE. ROBINSON has contacted JAFFE on three occasions since JAFFE returned to New York and Source [REDACTED] has advised that these visits dealt with a discussion of MANNIE'S conduct while MANNIE was visiting in New York recently. b7D

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Physical surveillance was conducted at the home of EDWARD G. ROBINSON, 910 North Raxford Drive, Beverly Hills, on September 17, 1948 at which time a 1947 Dodge bearing California license 48 W 494 was observed. It was determined that this car is registered to [REDACTED] P.O. Box 1108, El Centro, California. As previously reported, [REDACTED] EDWARD G. ROBINSON and is in frequent contact with him. At the present time [REDACTED]

Physical surveillance was conducted by the writer at the home of ROBINSON on September 22, 28 and 29, with negative results.

On September 29, 1948, Source [REDACTED] overheard a conversation between [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] b7c

At this point Source [REDACTED] overheard [REDACTED] and EDWARD G. ROBINSON talking at which time ROBINSON told [REDACTED] he was not going to the WALLACE dinner. ROBINSON then invited [REDACTED] over for the evening to attend the party for the BERGES, EDDIE telling him at the same time that he should not plan to talk politics. b7D

[REDACTED] mentioned above, [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] was also a member of the County and State Democratic Committee and was active in the WALLACE campaign. b7D

On the same date Source [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7D

The Los Angeles indices are negative with respect to [REDACTED] is the wife of [REDACTED] the actor, and is known to be an associate of individuals identified with the Communist movement in the Los Angeles area.

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On this same date Source [redacted] stated that [redacted] contacted [redacted] b7D

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The Los Angeles indices contain no identifying information regarding [redacted]

A physical surveillance was conducted at the ROBINSON residence on the night of September 29 and the following motor vehicles were observed to be parked in the vicinity of this address:

- 2 X 7401 - Registered to [redacted] b7C
- 1 Y 7541 - 1948 Studebaker Sedan registered to ARDEN FARMS, 1900 West Slauson. This is no doubt the automobile in which the BEECHS drove to the ROBINSON residence since it is known that he is identified with ARDEN FARMS.
- 3 T 2776 - Registered to [redacted] b7C  
Beverly Hills, California, [redacted] is possibly identical with the [redacted]
- 1 R 7725 - Registered to [redacted] b7D  
Los Angeles. The Los Angeles indices are negative regarding this individual, however, [redacted] has advised that she is a good friend of the ROBINSON family.
- 6 E 8275 - Registered to [redacted] b7C  
Encino, California. Los Angeles indices were negative regarding this individual.

On the same date Source [redacted] said an unknown man from the Modern Institute had requested the use of the ROBINSONS' home for a cocktail party. b7D

It was learned from Source [redacted] that the ROBINSONS were invited to dinner at the home of [redacted] on October 8, 1948. It is believed that [redacted] referred to is the same individual who was [redacted] Los Angeles, and well known business man. b7D b7C b7D

Source [redacted] advised on September 30, 1948 that EDWARD G. ROBINSON addressed a telegram to OSCAR GOLDBERG, 183 West 4th Street, New York City, Care of the Nuval Manufacturing Company, as follows: "APPEARING TONIGHT ON SUSPENSE PROGRAM NINE PM NEW YORK CITY TIME. PLEASE CHECK WITH PAPER. Signed EDWARD." OSCAR GOLDBERG is the brother of EDWARD G. ROBINSON and [redacted] b7D b7E

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The Los Angeles indices reflect that the [REDACTED] attended a dinner given at Ciro's Restaurant on November 10, 1941. This dinner was given by a committee of sponsors under the American Committee to Save Refugees, the Exiled Writers Committee and the United American Spanish Aid Committee. [REDACTED] was the subject of an investigation in the Los Angeles Division in connection with an Internal Security - R matter. The results of this investigation reflected no derogatory information on [REDACTED]

The name of [REDACTED] according to the official program, appeared as sponsors of the Russian-American Concert which was held on May 16, 1945 at the Shrine Auditorium. This affair was sponsored by the Russian-American Club. b7c

[REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] b7D

The files reflect that [REDACTED] had been active in Communist Party front activities and that many of her associates are closely identified with the Communist movement. b7c

On October 1, 1943, Source [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] made an appointment to see ROBINSON on this date at 4 P.M. It should be noted that [REDACTED] previously contacted ROBINSON on September 29th at which time he advised him he was from Washington, D. C. and that he would like to have a short visit with ROBINSON. On this occasion ROBINSON advised [REDACTED] that he had made half of his pledge good, to which [REDACTED] replied, "We'll have to get away from the charity idea and into the capital and investment branch." He told b7c

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EDWARD G. ROBINSON at this time that they were having a meeting at the Beverly Hills Hotel on October 10th and would like to use his name as a sponsor. ROBINSON did not allow his name to be used.

Physical surveillance was conducted at the residence of EDWARD G. ROBINSON on October 1, 1948. At 4 P.M. an individual was observed to drive up in an automobile bearing California license 7 Y 7677. Investigation reflected that this vehicle was rented from the Turner Livery to [REDACTED] who was staying at the Ambassador Hotel. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] Source [REDACTED] subsequently b7D advised that [REDACTED] represents the Palestine American Trading Corporation and is trying to interest wealthy persons in the Los Angeles area in the buying of bonds in this enterprise. The Los Angeles indices were checked against the above name and no identifying information was found.

On October 2, 1948, Source [REDACTED] stated that the ROBINSONS were b7D invited to dinner at the home of [REDACTED]. The indices reflect that [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] He is reportedly friendly with the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. The files show that ROBINSONS were socially acquainted with the [REDACTED] prior to 1942. They reside at [REDACTED] in Beverly Hills.

[REDACTED] b7c [REDACTED] is known to have been a contact of the ROBINSONS over a period of years. She is a writer and an associate of many Communists in the Los Angeles area. b7D

Source [REDACTED] advised that on October 2, 1948 a woman who represented herself as being from "The Women of Eudasia," contacted EDWARD G. ROBINSON to tell him that they were trying to raise from \$75,000 to \$125,000 and would like a contribution from ROBINSON. Source overheard ROBINSON say, "I'm sorry, I don't do those things. There are many others who could do much better."

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On October 4, 1948 it was learned from Source [redacted] that JOHN GARFIELD had dinner at the home of EDWARD G. ROBINSON. GARFIELD, the well known actor, had been in frequent contact with EDWARD G. ROBINSON during the period of this report. Although GARFIELD has never been placed as a member in the Communist Party it is well known that he actively participates in many Communist activities and according to [redacted] b7D

The above source stated that on October 4, 1948 ROBINSON attempted to contact [redacted] at the Chateau Marmont Hotel, with negative results. b7C

On the same date Source [redacted] advised that [redacted] was anxious to see ROBINSON and go over some mail with him. According to the above source a date was set for 9:30 P.M. the same day. b7D b7C

A physical surveillance was conducted at the home of EDWARD G. ROBINSON on October 5, 1948 at which time a 1947 Buick was observed to drive up in front of 910 Bedford Drive, ROBINSON'S home. It was determined that this individual was [redacted] b7C

On the same date, according to Source [redacted] WILLIAM WYLER expressed a desire to visit with ROBINSON. It is to be noted that WYLER paid ROBINSON frequent visits during the period of this report, and as previously set forth is an associate of many Communists in the Los Angeles area. b7D

[redacted] b7C b7D

On the same date it was noted, according to Source [redacted] that the French Consul in Los Angeles visited the home of the ROBINSONS [redacted] b7C b7D

On October 6, 1948 it was learned from Source [redacted] that ROBINSON'S [redacted] attempted to make an appointment with ROBINSON for [redacted] son who was from Montana. ROBINSON requested [redacted] to determine the nature of his visit, and told [redacted] that if the visit requested by [redacted] had anything to do with politics that he did not want to see him. b7D b7C

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[REDACTED] b7c b7D

Source [REDACTED] advised that on October 7, 1948 ROBINSON sent a wire to OSCAR GOLDBERG, 198 West 4th Street, New York City, as follows: "I AM ON THE AL JOELSON PROGRAM TONIGHT SEE NEWSPAPERS TIME. ALL OUR LOVE. MD."

On October 8, 1948, it was learned from Source [REDACTED] that ROBINSON contacted an unknown woman to verify an appointment with [REDACTED] at 11 A.M. on this date. It was learned that ROBINSON did have an appointment. b7c b7D

The [REDACTED] referred to above is possibly identical with [REDACTED] movie producer and director, long active in Communist activities in the Los Angeles area. b7c

Source [REDACTED] advised that he had overheard a conversation between [REDACTED] and ROBINSON on October 10, 1948, at which time [REDACTED] invited ROBINSON to his home at [REDACTED] told ROBINSON on this occasion that he was trying to raise a little money for WALLACE, continuing that he was doing this "off the record." He indicated to ROBINSON that it would not be a political thing. He told ROBINSON that the meeting would be held on Friday night, October 15th, at about 7:30 P.M. b7c b7D

On this same date [REDACTED] according to Source [REDACTED] was in contact with the ROBINSONS. On this occasion, according to Source [REDACTED] questioned ROBINSON as to the political sympathies of the BERCHS (ROSE and SAMUEL BERCH, close friends of the ROBINSONS). At this time ROBINSON advised [REDACTED] that the BERCHS were for DEWEY, at which time [REDACTED] remarked "what confusion." He told ROBINSON that he was putting out a pamphlet entitled "Why Free Democrats Must Vote for WALLACE," and at the same time asked ROBINSON if he received all the "stuff". ROBINSON replied, yes. Some mention was made of photography and it is believed the above may have referred to photography work. b7c b7D

It was learned from Source [REDACTED] that on October 11, 1948 ROBINSON received a wire from [REDACTED] as follows: "SORRY ABOUT THE ERROR IN MY ADDRESS, IT IS [REDACTED]" b7c

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On October 12, 1948, [REDACTED] contacted ROBINSON, according to Source [REDACTED], at which time she told him that her husband was a representative of the Art Institute in Chicago, mentioning correspondence that she had had with him, and requesting permission to visit ROBINSON'S art collection. An appointment was made for 4 P.M. on this date. b7c b7D

On October 15, 1948, SA JAMES C. ELLSWORTH observed a car bearing California license 5 Y 2937 in front of 910 North Roxford Drive. It was determined this was a 1948 Ford registered to [REDACTED] Los Angeles. The Los Angeles indices contain no information regarding this individual. b7c

SA [REDACTED] conducted a physical surveillance at [REDACTED] the home of [REDACTED] on October 15, 1948, and the following cars were observed in the vicinity of this residence: b7c

- 9 K 9368 - Registered to [REDACTED] Santa Monica, California. b7c
- 89 R 632 - Registered to [REDACTED] 1946 Chrysler. There is no information in the Los Angeles indices which reflects any pro-Communist feelings on the part of [REDACTED]. However, he has been reported for having pro-Fascist feelings.
- 6 U 4468 - Registered to [REDACTED] Esparto, California. Los Angeles indices are negative on [REDACTED].
- 2 W 5627 - Registered to [REDACTED] Beverly Hills. Indices reflect that he is closely identified with Communist Party activity.
- 9 P 5499 - 1946 Ford registered to LARRY PARKS, 1737 Nicholas Canyon. PARKS is one of the 10 individuals presently under indictment in Washington and [REDACTED].
- 1 Z 8528 - 1937 Plymouth registered to [REDACTED] according to [REDACTED]. b7c b7D
- 21 V 873 - Registered to [REDACTED]. This car is a 1947 Oldsmobile. Los Angeles indices negative.
- 3 N 6112 - 1937 Ford registered to [REDACTED]. Los Angeles indices negative.
- 00 N 427 - 1940 Chrysler registered to [REDACTED] West Los Angeles. Los Angeles indices negative. b7c

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- 7 X 1356 - 1946 De Soto registered to [REDACTED] Los Angeles. Indices negative. b7c  
6 P 3002 - 1946 Ford registered to [REDACTED] Beverly Hills. Indices negative.  
62 R 830 - 1942 Chevrolet registered to [REDACTED] Los Angeles. Indices negative.  
9 P 9917 - 1946 Plymouth registered to [REDACTED] Los Angeles. Indices reflect [REDACTED] has been connected with a number of Communist front organizations in the past. He was active in the Hollywood Democratic Committee and the Hollywood Writers Mobilization in 1945. He was a contributor to the defense fund of the 10 indicted film writers.

SA [REDACTED] advised there were several cars in the driveway but that because of security measures he was unable to obtain the license numbers. It is possible that one of these cars belonged to EDWARD G. ROBINSON. b7c

It was learned through Source [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] Beverly Hills, invited the ROBINSONS to a cocktail party on the following Monday. Source also advised that [REDACTED] asked the ROBINSONS to remain for dinner in order that they could become better acquainted. b7c b7D

[REDACTED] is the wife of [REDACTED] well known author who has participated in Communist front organizations and has stated that he was a Socialist at heart rather than a Communist. b7c

Surveillance was conducted at the residence of EDWARD G. ROBINSON on October 16, 1948 by SA [REDACTED] and the writer at which time it was determined that [REDACTED] visited him. It was learned from [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] was anxious to get in touch with ROBINSON on October 18, 1948. b7c b7D

Source [REDACTED] stated that on October 18, 1948 ROBINSON attempted to contact [REDACTED]. In this connection it is noted that [REDACTED] ROBINSON has [REDACTED] and during the period of this report has had frequent contact with him. The Los Angeles indices are negative regarding [REDACTED]. b7D b7c

It was learned from Source [REDACTED] that on October 19, 1948 Senator CLAYTON PEPPER of Florida attempted to contact the ROBINSONS but was advised they were not in. Source stated Senator PEPPER advised that he would try and pay the ROBINSONS a visit later. b7c

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On October 21, 1948 Source [redacted] advised he heard a conversation between EDWARD G. ROBINSON and Senator CLAUDE PEPPER at which time PEPPER told ROBINSON he was sorry about holding them up today but that he had had trouble with his radio script. He advised ROBINSON he would speak over an ABC hookup, Station KPCB, at 7 P.M. and he would immediately following the broadcast visit the ROBINSONS.

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According to Source [redacted], on October 22, 1948 [redacted] contacted ROBINSON at which time he advised him he had read the reviews of his picture "Night With a Thousand Eyes" and that the reviews were very good. [redacted] asked ROBINSON "Have you got any stuff?" ROBINSON replied, "Yes, if you can come down in 15 minutes I'll get you some." [redacted] told him he was busy at the present time but would try and see him later.

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On the same date, Source [redacted] advised that [redacted] contacted ROBINSON at which time [redacted] made reference to the meeting ROBINSON had attended at [redacted] house [redacted] about the Israel films. [redacted] then told ROBINSON about having various meetings with a [redacted]

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[redacted] (ph.) who was trying to interest individuals in Hollywood in the above project. It was learned from this meeting that the above individual was trying to raise money for Palestine but that he had been unsuccessful and [redacted] now suggested that in exchange for a farewell to him some sort of document be drawn up for him to take back to Palestine. [redacted] was trying to secure the cooperation of ROBINSON in this matter and ROBINSON agreed to attach his name to a letter to be drawn up by the group which would give this individual some affirmation of their cultural support. In this connection [redacted] also discussed having seen [redacted] who represents the Palestine American Trading Company. Both [redacted] and ROBINSON agreed that [redacted] is a "SOLID FIRM." After some persuasion on the part of [redacted] ROBINSON agreed to the above idea. b7C

The Los Angeles indices reflect that [redacted] was formerly a writer at 20th Century Fox. [redacted] He has supported, sponsored and participated in the activities of quite a number of Communist front organizations, however, proof of membership in the Communist Party is not available. b7C

[redacted] b7C  
[redacted] b7D

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On October 29, 1948, Source [redacted] overheard a conversation between [redacted] of the [redacted] Hollywood, California, and EDWARD G. ROBINSON. b7C  
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According to Source [redacted] ROBINSON and [redacted] engaged in a discussion regarding ROBINSON'S trip to Europe this summer. [redacted] appeared very interested to find out whether he had visited Germany or not. He was disappointed to learn that ROBINSON did not get into Germany. ROBINSON told him that his plans were not carried out but that he did visit Italy. [redacted] was interested in getting a report on his European trip but ROBINSON advised him that he didn't know anything to say that could be said from a pulpit, continuing he didn't have any definite ideas except "Now I feel sort of dull and numb with all that's going on. You see it closing in on you from all directions. It's a horrible feeling." [redacted] told ROBINSON b7C  
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that [redacted] who according to Source [redacted] b7C  
[redacted] visited him recently during which time they had a discussion b7D  
regarding "the 10". [redacted] continued that [redacted] had joined [redacted] and  
[redacted] to do his best, continuing that it is the most illegal approach  
to an object he has ever heard. ROBINSON asked [redacted] if they were  
going to send them to prison to which [redacted] replied, "Unless they get an  
appeal." [redacted] compared these arrests to the "German purge" saying that  
it was all political, to which ROBINSON replied that TRIMAN was trying to  
rid "his shirt of the Communists." ROBINSON continued that the "unfriendly  
10" in Washington did more to hurt the liberal cause than they realized.  
He chastised them for failing to give a straightforward answer to the question  
whether they were Communists or not, saying if they had public opinion would  
have been with them. ROBINSON continued, "If I had been one of them I would  
probably have had to go along with the majority, but if I were a Communist  
I would say yes I am, or it is none of your damn business."

The Los Angeles indices reflect that [redacted] is b7C  
on the advisory council of the Los Angeles Youth Council and is the [redacted] b7D

On October 30, 1948 it was learned from Source [redacted] that  
ROBINSON had a visit with an unknown individual who told ROBINSON he  
thought he had a nice wine cellar. ROBINSON then told him he shouldn't say  
too much about that because "I'm on several committees and lists." The  
unknown man replied, "Investigation for red wine." ROBINSON said yes, and  
I have other cellars besides that one I will show you some time."

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Source [redacted] was unable to furnish the name of the individual with whom ROBINSON was overheard talking on November 3, 1948, however, it was learned that the discussion had to do with the election results and ROBINSON said it was the peoples way of saying they were tired of reaction and he hoped TRUMAN knew what to do. The unknown individual agreed and ROBINSON replied, "WALLACE will probably replace MARSHALL."

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b7D On November 8, 1948, Source [redacted] advised that [redacted] had asked ROBINSON to read a script "Waspars in Vienna." [redacted] told ROBINSON it was an anti-Communistic play and the part had to do with a Communist officer. ROBINSON agreed to read the script.

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b7D It was learned from Source [redacted] that on November 9, 1948, [redacted] paid ROBINSON a visit at which time they discussed the election. ROBINSON said he voted for WALLACE and [redacted] replied that he voted for TRUMAN. [redacted] continued, "All we need is a leader. The people aren't fascist, just the papers." ROBINSON asked [redacted] if JOEENIE (possibly JOHN HUSTON) voted for WALLACE. [redacted] said no, he voted for TRUMAN. ROBINSON replied, "Oh, he turned around." [redacted] told ROBINSON he would like to see him some time later about the thing they had planned.

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b7D On the same date [redacted] according to Source [redacted] attempted to get in touch with ROBINSON advising she had a portfolio of woodcuts for ROBINSON for his collection, and that they were from "our friend [redacted] (ph.)." She was instructed to bring them by and leave them.

The Los Angeles indices contain no identifying data regarding [redacted] or [redacted]

On November 10, 1948, Source [redacted] advised that WILLIAM WILER and [redacted] visited the ROBINSON residence. The purpose of this visit is unknown. As previously reported, WILER is an associate of many Communists in the Los Angeles area. It will be recalled that ROBINSON attended a meeting at WILER'S home at which time HENRY WALLACE was present.

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He was also present at the home of WILLIAM WYLER, together with ROBINSON which was previously referred to.

On November 23, 1948, Source [REDACTED] overheard a conversation between [REDACTED] (ph.) and ROBINSON at which time ROBINSON told the above person that [REDACTED] and SAM JAMES were going to [REDACTED] on this date to listen to chamber music. [REDACTED] told ROBINSON he wanted to have lunch with him later and ROBINSON said he would call him and make a date. b7c  
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On November 21, 1948, Source [REDACTED] made available information which reflected that one [REDACTED] (ph.) invited HEDDE to Westwood Manor Hotel that evening but HEDDE told him he was going to Palm Springs and could not make it. b7c  
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On November 24, 1948 it was learned from Source [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] asked ROBINSON if he could narrate a script on a program to be given at U.S.C. on December 12th. ROBINSON refused. b7c  
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Los Angeles indices reflect that one [REDACTED] is an executive of the Anti-Defamation League, with offices at 2511 Wilshire Boulevard. b7c

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[REDACTED] b7D  
It was learned from Source [REDACTED] who overheard a conversation ROBINSON had with [REDACTED] at the Pierre Hotel in New York that HERBERT G. ROBINSON congratulated him on his marriage. Source [REDACTED] also advised that MARIE ROBINSON was in New York on this occasion. b7c  
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On the same date, Source [REDACTED] made available information which reflected that [REDACTED] was invited to the home of [REDACTED] but did not show up. [REDACTED] told her JOHN CARLSON was there. b7c  
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On November 26, 1948, Source [REDACTED] advised MELVIN DOUGLAS had invited the ROBINSONS to a cocktail party at the DOUGLAS home on December 5th at 5 P.M. MELVIN DOUGLAS, according to [REDACTED] is the husband of ELEAN CARLSON DOUGLAS. b7c  
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On November 26, 1948, [REDACTED] from the Modern Institute of Art, attempted to get a contribution from ROBINSON to help support the Institute, according to Source [REDACTED] ROBINSON politely brushed him off.

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It is believed that [REDACTED] SAMUEL PERCH attended the showing of this picture.

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On December 4, 1948, Source [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] contacted ROBINSON and stated that he, [REDACTED] visited him a short time ago with JOHN GARFIELD. A short discussion ensued in which ROBINSON said he hoped GARFIELD would return next year as they need fellows like him out here.

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The files reflect that [REDACTED] had been reported to this office as having Communist meetings at his home. Investigation determined that this allegation is untrue, however, [REDACTED] is believed to be acquainted with JOHN GARFIELD, and according to his own statement with CHARLES GARFIELD. [REDACTED] is from New York and claims to be a [REDACTED]

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It was later learned from Source [redacted] that on December 4, 1948 [redacted] (ph.) contacted ROBINSON at which time ROBINSON [redacted] invited to lunch on the following day. The address was given as [redacted] continued that a Frenchman would be present who was very anxious to talk to ROBINSON about making a picture.

It was learned from Source [redacted] that on December 6, 1948 ROBINSON attempted to contact an individual in San Francisco but was unsuccessful. The phone number was given as YUKON 6-6808.

On December 9, 1948 it was learned from Source [redacted] that [redacted] contacted EDWARD G. ROBINSON and asked ROBINSON if he would attend a banquet in San Francisco on December 19th for the Jewish National Fund. ROBINSON advised him he could not make it as he was starting a picture on the 20th.

On December 10, 1948 it was learned from Source [redacted] that [redacted] contacted ROBINSON at which time she was sailing on the "Lurline" for Honolulu, and wanted to bid him "Aloha."

On the following day it was learned from Source [redacted] that [redacted]

On December 13, 1948, according to Source [redacted] invited ROBINSON to his home for the evening.

On this date Source [redacted]

On this same date Source [redacted] advised that [redacted] (possibly [redacted]) was anxious to see EDDIE but ROBINSON told him he had an engagement at 4 P.M. but might be able to see him later.

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Source [redacted] advised that on December 14, 1948 [redacted] who [redacted] was residing at the Beverly-Wilshire Hotel was anxious to get in touch with EDWARD G. ROBINSON. The Los Angeles indices reflect no identifying data regarding [redacted]

SAM JAFFE

The Los Angeles indices reflect that SAM JAFFE was born in New York City, March 18, 1898, went on the stage in 1915 and was a member of the Washington Square Players in New York. The name of SAM JAFFE was one of the names referred to the New York Consulate by a [redacted] in connection with a forthcoming reception for Russian chess players. In 1943 JAFFE was a house guest of [redacted]. He is believed to be identical with the SAM JAFFE who was a contact of [redacted]. He was further identified as a member of the National Board of the American Council of Soviet Relations, the predecessor to the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. [redacted]

JAFFE has lived in ROBINSON'S home since February of 1948. The extent of his influence is not known, however, it is pointed out that according to Source [redacted] a source close to the ROBINSON household, there is no political tieup between the ROBINSONS and JAFFE. It is known that JAFFE was very much interested in the WALLACE campaign and he was frequently contacted by persons closely associated with the Communist Party activity.

Source [redacted] was of the opinion that EDWARD G. ROBINSON requested the help of JOHN GARFIELD in gracefully asking JAFFE to return to New York with him. According to Source [redacted] ROBINSON explained the situation to GARFIELD by saying that [redacted]. Source [redacted] could not definitely state that the above reason is the real reason for getting JAFFE out of the ROBINSON household, however JAFFE did depart for New York with GARFIELD on November 30, 1948.

Source [redacted] was advised that since JAFFE returned to New York he has overheard several conversations that JAFFE has engaged in with ROBINSON and these conversations dealt only with the behavior of ROBINSON'S son, MUNNIE. There has been no indication, according to Source [redacted] that there is mutual feeling regarding Communism on the part of JAFFE and [redacted] ROBINSON.

It was learned from Source [redacted] that on September 30, 1948 [redacted] invited JAFFE to accompany the ROBINSONS to dinner on this date.

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On the same date JAFFE, according to Source [redacted] was in correspondence with [redacted] (last name unknown) at which time JAFFE told [redacted] that he had been living with the ROBINSONS since January.

According to Source [redacted] during the period of this report JAFFE has contacted WENDALL COREY on several occasions. The Los Angeles indices reflect no derogatory information regarding COREY. He is an actor and is known to have appeared in the stage play "The Voice of the Turtle."

The above source further advised that JAFFE was in contact with [redacted] who has been previously identified.

It was learned from Source [redacted] that on September 30, 1948 JAFFE was in contact with [redacted] during which time a discussion was held regarding the WALLACE dinner. It was agreed that SAM JAFFE sat at the table with [redacted] Also at this table would be [redacted] ARTHUR KOBER.

[redacted] RICHARD SCOTT, have been identified with Communist Party activities over a period of years. ARTHUR KOBER is the former husband of LILLIAN HILSON and has a long and active career in Communist Party activities. It should be pointed out that during the period of this report SAM JAFFE was in frequent contact with [redacted] According to Source [redacted] these engagements were of both a political and social nature. Source also advised that JAFFE was in frequent contact with [redacted] who has been previously identified. These contacts, according to [redacted] were of a political, as well as social nature.

During the period of this report, according to Source [redacted] JAFFE was in frequent contact with [redacted] who has been previously identified. According to Source [redacted] visited JAFFE and advised him as to how he should mark his election ballot.

On October 13, 1948, Source [redacted] advised that [redacted] was in contact with JAFFE at which time [redacted] discussed with JAFFE the efforts of her husband to produce educational films. According to [redacted] he has been unable to get the proper financial backing because they said he has never made a picture that they can see, and besides he is an actor and doesn't need money. JAFFE remarked that he knew a very marvelous woman he thought would be willing to give him money, continuing that she contributed money to the civil liberties film, the Kiro film on Czechoslovakia. He added she was from the [redacted] (JAFFE no doubt has reference to [redacted])

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It was learned from Source [redacted] that on October 19, 1948 JAFFE attempted to reach [redacted]. Investigation determined that this individual is identical with [redacted] in West Los Angeles. The Los Angeles indices contain no derogatory information regarding this individual.

On October 22, 1948 it was learned from Source [redacted] that JAFFE invited GUY MILLER to dinner. Source advised MILLER was unable to accept the invitation because he was going on a tour. The Los Angeles indices reflect no information regarding this individual.

Source [redacted] advised that on November 2, 1948 [redacted] contacted JAFFE at which time she asked him if he would like to go to [redacted] for the evening and listen to the election returns. JAFFE gave [redacted] no definite answer regarding this invitation. It has been pointed out that [redacted] is a writer and a member of the Communist Party.

According to Source [redacted], on November 20, 1948 JAFFE contacted a [redacted] residence, [redacted] Palms, California. Source advised that [redacted] told JAFFE she had been out here for 10 days vacation before the committee on merger arrived. A luncheon date was made for the following Monday.

The Los Angeles indices reflect that one [redacted] was alleged to be a member of the Communist Party in [redacted]. It is not known whether she is identical with the above individual or not. There is no identifying data in the Los Angeles indices regarding [redacted].

Source [redacted] stated that on November 26, 1948 [redacted] contacted JAFFE to tell him he was bringing [redacted] around to see ROBINSON'S paintings. The Los Angeles indices reflect no information regarding [redacted]. The [redacted] referred to is believed to be identical with [redacted] New York.

On November 28, 1948 JOHN GARFIELD, according to Source [redacted] contacted JAFFE, it being pointed out that JAFFE and GARFIELD had frequent contact with one another during November 28 and 29, during which time GARFIELD was attempting to interest JAFFE in returning to New York with him, and as has been previously pointed out this was at the insistence of ROBINSON. JAFFE departed for New York on November 30, 1948 with JOHN GARFIELD and his present address is believed to be 28 West 6th Street, New York City.

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SA [REDACTED] advised in connection with another investigation that it had been determined [REDACTED] who resides on [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, is the [REDACTED] of EDWARD G. ROBINSON.

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On December 1, 1948, SA [REDACTED]

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The Los Angeles indices have been searched [REDACTED] and no information has been developed which would indicate these individuals are associated with Russian espionage or with Communist activity.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

67D AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, will determine the subscriber to YUken 6-6808, it being noted that on December 6, 1948 ROBINSON, according to Source [REDACTED] was anxious to contact individuals who were the subscribers to this number.

THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT FISHBRIDGE, CALIFORNIA, will identify [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] Fishbridge, California.

AT MALIBU, CALIFORNIA, will determine who presently resides at [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] Malibu, it being noted ROBINSON and his wife went to this residence for dinner.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, will identify [REDACTED] who b7c  
invited ROBINSON over to his residence on November 22, 1948.

Will consider interviewing [REDACTED] b7c  
EDWARD G. ROBINSON.

Will continue to report information secured through informants of this office.

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United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California  
February 25, 1949

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Director, FBI

Re: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
Bureau File 100-337779

Dear Sir:

Re Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated January 6, 1949, and the report of SA [redacted] dated February 14, 1949, at Los Angeles in connection with the above captioned individual.

The Bureau requested by letter dated October 20, 1948, that the Los Angeles Office make every effort to determine ROBINSON's present sympathies with a view toward interviewing him.

Reference report dated February 14, 1949, reflects that no information has been developed to date which indicates that ROBINSON [redacted] is presently engaged in Russian espionage activity. The report reflects that ROBINSON continues to associate with known Communists. ROBINSON [redacted] no longer interested in politics and [redacted] no longer cared to associate with persons connected with the Communist movement.

In order that the Bureau may be currently advised regarding ROBINSON's present sympathies and feelings, the following information is set out.

On December 18, 1948, [redacted] and a conversation with ROBINSON regarding pictures on which both persons were working. At this time they discussed the [redacted] and ROBINSON remarked that "now they will all win out. We can relax again now. We are relaxed - aren't we?" [redacted] agreed and said, "Now you can talk to me and say 'hello.' Maybe we can have lunch together." ROBINSON then remarked that "with all the ruckus before election, I became quiet and very careful."

ROBINSON bemoaned the fact that his work in pictures interfered with his desire to paint. [redacted] remarked, "Some day we'll take care of your career. We'll go with you." At this time, they discussed the



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Edward B. Pith and ROBINSON remarked that he played a double role, saying while there he acts as their friend and gets all the information and kids them along. [REDACTED] and ROBINSON agreed to meet for lunch in the near future.

The Los Angeles Office furnished the Bureau a letter dated January 7, 1949, in which information was set forth regarding a conversation between ROBINSON and [REDACTED] (phonetic). Information noted therein definitely reflects that ROBINSON was interested in obtaining any information of which [REDACTED] might be aware regarding important happenings in Washington.

On January 28, 1949, [REDACTED] invited EDWARD G. ROBINSON to their house for dinner. It is well known that [REDACTED] has supported many Communist front organizations and been a contact of various persons at the Russian Vice Consulate over a period of years.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On February 13, 1949, ROBINSON had a conversation with ALBERT, later identified as ALBERT MALTZ, at which time ROBINSON wanted to know what they needed. ALBERT remarked that they needed between \$2400 and \$2700, but that they wanted to spread it around so that it would not be too heavy on any one person. ROBINSON asked MALTZ if he wanted a check and continued that he would have it ready for him this afternoon.

It was subsequently determined that ALBERT MALTZ contacted ROBINSON and asked him if it was convenient for him to come over to his house. ROBINSON told him that he could come on over. ALBERT MALTZ is a Hollywood film writer and one of the "unfriendly ten" convicted for contempt as a result of the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearing in the fall of 1947. It therefore appears that ROBINSON once again gives his financial assistance to persons identified with the Communist movement.

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Some time ago it appeared that ROBINSON might be friendly to an interview. However, in view of the above it is obvious that EDWARD G. ROBINSON is not now and it appears that he will never be in sympathy with the country which has given him all of his "chances for success." From his long record of participation in Communist front activity, his continued association with known members of the Communist Party and financial assistance which he has given the Communist movement, it can be concluded that his present sympathies are definitely pro-Communist. Nevertheless, it is my opinion that ROBINSON is not in a position to assume an uncooperative attitude. I believe he should be thoroughly interviewed regarding his knowledge of any association with [REDACTED] and that he should be questioned to determine whether or not he has ever been approached to serve the Russian Government in any capacity.

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In order that this investigation may be brought to an early conclusion, it is again respectfully requested that a decision be made as to whether or not ROBINSON should be interviewed.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood  
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Director, FBI

Re: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
(Bureau File 100-134207)

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ON 4-12-84

Dear Sir:

Re LA letters to the Bureau, dated 1-6-49 and 2-25-49 concerning the above matter.

Letter to LA, dated 10-26-48, directed this office to determine ROBINSON'S present feelings with a view toward conducting a thorough and detailed interview of him.

Referenced letters to the Bureau advised that ROBINSON'S present attitude indicates a state of mind which can only be described as un-American or pro-Communist.

On 3-1-49, ROBINSON invited [redacted] and "all the radicals" to a party at his home at 910 North Roxford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, to be held on 3-16-49. [redacted] and [redacted] was noted in the address book of [redacted] ROBINSON has also invited [redacted] to his party. [redacted] JOHN HUSTON and [redacted]

Investigation of ROBINSON was initiated to determine whether or not ROBINSON [redacted] presently engaged in Russian espionage activity. Technical coverage and other investigation has developed no information to substantiate this belief. However, information has been learned regarding his participation in, and sympathies for, the Communist movement.

It is incumbent upon the Los Angeles Office to advise the Bureau regarding justification for technical coverage in this investigation by March 28, 1949. If no decision has been made regarding the request of the Los Angeles Office to interview ROBINSON by 3-28-49, it will be concluded that such a step is not deemed advisable. At that time, and unless advised to the contrary, [redacted] technical coverage will be [redacted]

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March 18, 1949

Director, FBI

Re: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

cancelled and investigation of ~~EDWARD G. ROBINSON~~ will be placed in a closed status.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
R. D. HOOD  
SAC

*This would appear to be logical step since in previous not authorizing an investigation has been negative*  
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SAC, Los Angeles

March 25, 1949

Director, FBI

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MURRAY G. ROBINSON  
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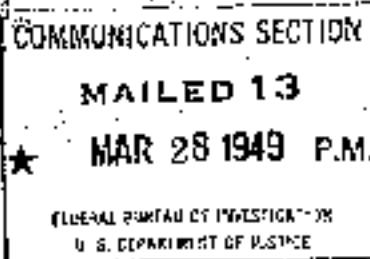
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Reference your letters January 10, February 25, and March 18, 1949, pertaining to your request for an interview with the captioned subject.

This matter has been considered at the Bureau, and it is not believed advisable that the subject should be interviewed at this time. It is desired, however, that the case not be closed, but that it be placed in a pending inactive status, and that the matter of an interview with the subject be re-presented to the Bureau subsequent to the final disposition of the case relating to the contempt proceedings involving [REDACTED] and others.

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Director, FBI

Attention: Security Division

Re: EDWARD G. ROBINSON,  
Internal Security (R)

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ON 4-12-88

Dear Sir:

Technical surveillance on the residence of the above-named individual, 910 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, covering telephones Bradshaw 23962 [redacted] and Crenshaw 65115 [redacted], discontinued at 3:45 p.m. March 29th, 1949, in accordance with previous communications to the Bureau.

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Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood  
R. B. HOOD,  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: April 20, 1949

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT:

With reference to my Memorandum of April 19 concerning the request of former Ambassador Robert Woods Bliss, there are attached blind memoranda which I believe will be suitable to give to Mr. Bliss.

In the event you approve, I will have a liaison agent confidentially furnish him with this information.

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Reference report reflects that on November 21, 1946, [REDACTED] (phonetic) invited ROBINSON to the Westwood Manor Hotel. It is recalled that ROBINSON was unable to accept the invitation. The Los Angeles indices were checked for information regarding [REDACTED] with negative results.

[REDACTED]

Reference report reflects that on December 6, 1946, ROBINSON unsuccessfully attempted to contact a San Francisco organization which has now been identified as Histadrut, Zionist Committee for Labor in Israel, 928 Market Street, San Francisco, California, which is the San Francisco office of the Zionist Organization of America.

[REDACTED]

Unless stated to the contrary, the following information was furnished by Source [REDACTED] both of known reliability:

On December 14, 1946, [REDACTED] he identified himself as a composer discussed with ROBINSON pictures on which both were working. They discussed the [REDACTED] suit. ROBINSON remarked that, "Now, they will all win out. We can fool either now. We are relaxed, aren't we?" [REDACTED] agreed and said, "Now, you can talk to me and say hello. Maybe we can have lunch together." After this, ROBINSON remarked, "With all the ruckus before election, I became quiet and very careful." After general conversation they discussed the B'Nai B'Rith and ROBINSON remarked that he played a double role, saying that while there he acts as their friend and gets all the information he can and lets them along.

On December 26, 1946, [REDACTED] attempted unsuccessfully to see EDWARD G. ROBINSON. He requested that ROBINSON contact him at his home.



[REDACTED] is presently an independent producer. He has been associated with various studios in Hollywood and is known to have been in contact with various Communist writers. There is no information in the Los Angeles files which reflects that [REDACTED] is a member of the Communist Party. b7c

On December 29, 1948, [REDACTED] contacted ROBINSON. ROBINSON told him that he had something for him. It was agreed that [REDACTED] would see him again the following day. [REDACTED] is a known Communist and a close friend of EDWARD G. ROBINSON, and during the period of this report has been in frequent contact with him. It appears that ROBINSON often contacts [REDACTED] for advice. b7c

On January 2, [REDACTED] invited ROBINSON and his wife to Chasen's Restaurant for dinner. [REDACTED] was accompanied by [REDACTED] well-known writer. ROBINSON accepted the invitation.

On January 5, 1949, [REDACTED] of New York City attempted to see EDWARD G. ROBINSON.

[REDACTED] was anxious to talk to ROBINSON regarding the play and was wondering if EDDIE wanted to play in it.

[REDACTED] It was agreed that [REDACTED] would contact ROBINSON at 20th Century Fox where he is working on a picture. b7c

Source [REDACTED] stated that on January 6, 1949, [REDACTED] (phonetic) of Washington, D. C., contacted ROBINSON. Source advised that a general discussion was had regarding a show with which [REDACTED] was trying to get ROBINSON to help him, after which a discussion followed which definitely reflected that ROBINSON was interested in obtaining any information of which [REDACTED] might be aware regarding important happenings in Washington, D. C. ROBINSON asked [REDACTED] if he thought there was going to be a war, to which [REDACTED] replied in the negative. [REDACTED] stated, "I think he (the President) is going to do all right on the domestic question," to which EDDIE remarked, "How about our own question?" [REDACTED] replied, "I think he has to come through now. MARSHALL is ditched in the nicest way - ROBERTS will resign before January 20." EDDIE then asked about FORRESTAL, to which [REDACTED] replied that he is scheduled to go out, continuing that JOHNSON will take his place. Then, [REDACTED] remarked, "The man you liked - do you remember?" b7c b7d

On January 20, 1949, [REDACTED] attempted unsuccessfully to contact ROBINSON. [REDACTED] left a phone number, [REDACTED] and a message for ROBINSON to contact him. The Los Angeles indices reflect that the above individual is identical with [REDACTED], motion picture director, and, according to Source [REDACTED] He has been identified with many Communist activities in the Los Angeles area, b7c b7d

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On January 28, 1949, [REDACTED] invited ROBINSON to attend a dinner in honor of ROBERTO ROSELLINI, the Italian movie producer. b7c

On this same date, [REDACTED] told ROBINSON he had just gotten in from New York. [REDACTED] according to the Los Angeles indices, was one of the [REDACTED] There is no information that he is a member of the CP.

On January 28, 1949, INGRID BERGMAN invited ROBINSON to attend a dinner at her home in honor of ROBERTO ROSELLINI. According to [REDACTED] b7c b7D

On January 30, 1949, a [REDACTED] advised Source [REDACTED] that his number was [REDACTED] and asked that ROBINSON phone him. There is no information in the Los Angeles files regarding [REDACTED] The Los Angeles indices reflect that [REDACTED] b7c b7D

On February 2, 1949, [REDACTED] informed ROBINSON that "they" had formed a Citizens Committee and they wanted to send a petition to the Governor on Friday regarding a million or so dollars which was to be spent on buildings around the state. [REDACTED] told ROBINSON that they wanted the money spent on medical buildings and requested the use of ROBINSON's name regarding the above, to which he consented. [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] whose name has been identified with several Communist-dominated organizations. He is a member of the [REDACTED] and a member of the [REDACTED] b7c

On February 5, 1949, SAM JAFFE, Communist actor from Washington and a long-time friend of the ROBINSON family, informed Source [REDACTED] that he had just arrived in town and was starting a picture this date. b7D

b7c b7D [REDACTED] This is the first information in the Los Angeles file reflecting any association between [REDACTED] and ROBINSON. It is believed that the [REDACTED] referred to is identical with [REDACTED] who is associated with the [REDACTED] The Park Manor Hotel is used as a meeting place for various Communist organizations in the Los Angeles area. b7c

On February 5, 1949, [REDACTED] attempted to interest ROBINSON in doing a picture for him in London. [REDACTED] agreed to send ROBINSON the book to read. b7c

On February 13, 1949, EDDIE ROBINSON inquired of ALBERT MALTZ how much they needed. MALTZ replied that they needed between \$2400 and \$2700, but they desired to spread it around so it would not be too heavy on any one person. EDDIE asked if he, MALTZ, wanted a check that afternoon. MALTZ indicated he did if it were convenient. ALBERT MALTZ is a known Communist presently under indictment in connection with the House Un-American Committee hearings in Washington.

b7c On February 17, 1949, it was learned that [REDACTED] invited the ROBINSONS to attend a dinner at Chasen's Restaurant. She told the ROBINSONS that they would be leaving for Europe in the very near future.

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b7c On March 3, 1949, [REDACTED] (phonetic) asked EDDIE if he could bring [REDACTED] over to see his pictures. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] works with the American Jewish Committee. ROBINSON told [REDACTED] that he knew [REDACTED] already.

b7c On March 5, 1949, it was learned that [REDACTED] had invited the ROBINSONS to her house for a buffet dinner in honor of the Managing Editor of Time and Life Magazine. The Los Angeles indices reflect that [REDACTED] is probably identical with the [REDACTED]

b7D b7c On March 7 and several days thereafter, ROBINSON was engaged in inviting various persons to attend a party at his home. ROBINSON referred to the party as one to which "all the radicals" had been invited. Source [REDACTED] advised that among the persons invited to the party were RICHARD COUTE, JOHN HUSTON, [REDACTED]

b7c On March 10, 1949, ROBINSON attempted to see OTTO PREMINGER, movie director-producer, 333 Solvire Road, West Los Angeles, whose name has been identified with various Communist front movements.

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b7D On March 14, 1949, according to Source [REDACTED] tried to interest ROBINSON in a memorial theater for [REDACTED] ROBINSON told him that he was unable to help, that his interests had been separated from the theater for a long time. [REDACTED] Los Angeles files reflect that [REDACTED] is interested in many Communist-dominated organizations in this area.

b7c On March 17 [REDACTED] told ROBINSON she had some papers for him. In connection with the above, it is pointed out that MARY ROBINSON recently quit the school he was attending in St. Louis and returned to Los Angeles, since which time he has been the source of much worry and trouble to his family. The above papers had to do with a letter that ROBINSON had requested [REDACTED] In this connection, it is known that on March 7, 1949, ROBINSON with his son, MARY, visited [REDACTED] at his office. After visiting [REDACTED] at his office, they proceeded to Mike Kommanoff's for lunch together.

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b7c On March 25, 1949, Source [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] invited the ROBINSONs to their home. [REDACTED] to meet several musicians. [REDACTED] The Los Angeles indices reflect that he participated in a concert on behalf of the Russian War Relief in July, 1948, when ROBINSON was present.

b7c On March 20, 1949, ROBINSON was invited by JOHN HUSTON to attend a breakfast the following morning at 9:30 a.m. He was told that [REDACTED] would be present. HUSTON remarked that "this is a very crucial period." ROBINSON advised him that he would attend.

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b7D On this same date, [REDACTED] attempted unsuccessfully to see ROBINSON. [REDACTED] is an actors' agent who handles many actors of foreign extraction. According to Source [REDACTED]  
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The writer recently observed a television program sponsored by Station ETIA. The program was a forum discussion of the Tenney Committee and the House Un-American Activities Committee. During the program various individuals gave their views regarding the workings of the committees and, during the discussion, the question arose as to whether the CP had been declared illegal or not in view of the SCHEIDTMAN decision. The public was invited to call the station during the broadcast and propose questions to the various members appearing on the panel. It was noted that during the program the director of the forum read a question from EDWARD G. ROBINSON as follows: "If the CP has not been declared illegal, why do the Tenney Committee and the Un-American Activities Committee have a right to investigate them?"

This case is made pending inactive in accordance with Bureau instructions.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd *DLW* **b7c**  
 FROM : Mr. [REDACTED]  
 SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE 7-31-49

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 Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Attached is a summary memorandum concerning the captioned individual. This was prepared under date of July 15, 1949 for possible transmittal to the Attorney General. However, as of the date of the writing of this memorandum it has not been necessary to so transmit the memorandum. Accordingly, it is desired that this memorandum be placed in the main file on Robinson without receiving any Bureau markings. It is also desired that it be retained in the envelope in which it is presently enclosed in order that it will not be soiled so that it might possibly be used at some future date.

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EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
aka Emanuel Goldenberg  
Emanuel Goldberg

4-13-88  
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BACKGROUND

Edward G. Robinson was born in Bucharest, Rumania on December 12, 1893, the son of Morris and Sarah Goldenberg. He entered the United States in 1903 and received his education at the College of the City of New York, Columbia University and the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City. He made his first professional stage appearance as an actor in 1913. Robinson served in the United States Navy during World War I and with the Office of War Information during World War II. (Who's Who in America, 1946-47)

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(100-130-754, page 20)

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National Federation for Constitutional Liberties

James P. McGranery, Assistant to the Attorney General, received a letter dated March 15, 1945 from George Marshall, Chairman of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties. Enclosed therewith was a statement reportedly signed by numerous individuals, urging that Communists be permitted to serve in trusted positions in the Armed Forces. Robinson was among the individuals listed as signing this statement. (100-1170-298)

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(100-168670-25, page 37)

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TO : MR. H. P. FLETCHER *WFF*

DATE: June 26, 1949

FROM : MR. E. P. LADD *pl*ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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SUBJECT:

The Attorney General called at 12:40 p.m. on June 18, 1949, and advised that there was to be a meeting of the Board of Directors of 20th Century Fox on Wednesday, June 22, 1949, at which time consideration was to be made as to the action to be taken concerning Edward G. Robinson. He requested that a summary be prepared for him on what we have on Robinson. It is, therefore, desired that the usual memorandum be prepared for the Attorney General and that a proviso be included therein urging that the contents of the memorandum not be shown or revealed outside of the Department.

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
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EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
aka Emanuel Goldenberg  
Emanuel Goldberg

ORGANIZATIONS CITED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee

The names of Robinson and his wife are listed on the Committee of Sponsors of the Free People's Dinner, Beverly Hills, California, under auspices of above organization.

A reliable source, July 20, 1942  
- 100-7061-145

Robinson spoke at mass rally in Los Angeles, sponsored by above organization. Cited by Attorney General on December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948.

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American Committee for Yugoslav Relief  
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[redacted] on August 6, 1943.  
100-337779-68, page 11

Robinson listed as sponsor of this organization.

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"Los Angeles Newswatch Shopping News",  
February 13, 1945. A reliable source,  
September 4, 1947. 100-332879-4, page 6

Robinson spoke on the occasion of the dedication of this organization in Los Angeles. Cited by Attorney General June 1, 1948 and September 21, 1948.

"Los Angeles Times", March 25, 1945.  
100-332879-5, page 3, 2

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National Council of American-Soviet Friendship

Robinson attended and offered a toast at a Red Army Day dinner in New York City, sponsored by the above organization.

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[REDACTED] who attended meeting, February 23, 1945. 100-11,6964-372, page 69

Robinson acted as Master of Ceremonies at a meeting in Los Angeles, sponsored by this organization. Approximately 4,500 persons were present, including entire staff of Soviet Vice-Consulate at Los Angeles. (S) U

Reliable source, May 16, 1945.  
100-203581-5484, page 26 (S) U

Robinson authored an article appearing in pamphlet entitled "We Have won America", published by above organization and distributed subsequent to August, 1946. This organization has been cited by the Attorney General on December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948.

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Pamphlet furnished by [REDACTED], said  
Informant 320. 100-3-5547 (S) U

National Federation for Constitutional Liberties

Robinson was among those signing statement urging that Communists be permitted to serve in trusted positions in the Armed Forces.

Letter of organization from George Marshall, Chairman, to James H. McInerney, Assistant to AG, dated March 15, 1945. 100-1170-276

Robinson listed as sponsor for national meeting of this organization in Detroit, Michigan. Cited by Attorney General December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948.

Confidential source, San Antonio Office,  
June 18, 1946. 61-10149-145X3

American Youth for Democracy

Robinson was speaker at second anniversary dinner of this organization in New York City on December 12, 1945.

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Weekly Summary of Intelligence, December 9-15, 1945, Army Service Forces, Headquarters Service Command.  
100-7660-3608, page 5



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Robinson's name appeared on list of "sustainers", comprised of individuals who have either offered or consented to assist the organization by contributions of money or services. Cited by Attorney General December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948.

Confidential informant in 1947.  
61-777-892, page 348

Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade

Robinson sent greetings to National Convention of this organization, held in New York City on September 21-22, 1946. Cited by Attorney General on December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948.

b2 "New York Journal American", September 20, 1946. "Daily Worker", September 20, 1946. [REDACTED], 100-346686-56, 100-77760-352, Page 7 (u)

American Committee for Assistance of Foreign Born

Robinson's name is listed as sponsor of this organization. Cited by Attorney General June 1, 1948 and September 21, 1948.

From circular obtained from a reliable informant, December, 1945.  
100-7046-249, page 3

RUSSIAN-AMERICAN AND COMMUNIST-INFILTRATED GROUPS

Russian War Relief

Robinson attended meeting in Hollywood inaugurating opening of a Russian War Relief agency in Los Angeles.

Reliable source in 1942.  
65-33715-26, page 12

Congress of American-Soviet Friendship

Robinson was patron of meeting of this organization, scheduled at New York on November 7-8, 1942. This organization has been cited by the House Un-American Activities Committee and the California Committee on Un-American Activities.

A reliable source. 100-146964-20, page 4

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Robinson is listed as member of the Executive Council of the Hollywood branch of this organization.

"Variety" and "Hollywood Reporter",  
July 11, 1945. 100-197272-21, page 11

Robinson took active part in meeting of California Committee on Radio Freedom, sponsored by above organization for purpose of organizing in defense of radio commentators barred from the air because of Communist propaganda in their broadcasts. Cited as Communist front organization by California Committee on Un-American Activities. (S)(u)

12 [REDACTED] March 21, 1945. (S)(u)  
100-138751-124

Stage for Action

List of sponsors of above organization included name of Robinson. Cited as Communist front organization by California Committee on Un-American Activities.

Confidential source, December, 1946.  
100-197090-12

Progressive Citizens of America

Robinson attended meeting of above organization at Los Angeles on May 29, 1947 at which investigation of Communist by House Un-American Activities Committee was condemned. Robinson also contributed funds. This organization has been cited as a Communist front organization by the California Committee on Un-American Activities.

Reliable source. 100-3-63-372

Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy

Robinson is listed as a sponsor of this organization. The organization has been cited as a Communist front organization by California Committee on Un-American Activities.

Reliable source, February 8, 1949.  
100-543301-103

ALLEGED COMMUNIST PARTY AFFILIATION

Robinson reported to be Communist according to information received from an unimpeachable source.

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A confidential informant, as obtained by Assistant Director Nichols in 1940.  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
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June 15, 1949

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Director, FBI

Re: EDWARD G. ROBINSON, wa.  
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Bureau File 100-334207

Dear Sir:

The above captioned individual is the subject  
of a pending investigation in the Los Angeles Office.

EDWARD G. ROBINSON'S name has been given much  
publicity in connection with the JUDITH GOPLON Trial.

There appears in the Hollywood Reporter for June  
13, 1949 and June 14, 1949 two editorials regarding ROBINSON.  
These editorials are being forwarded to the Bureau for  
information purposes.

Very truly yours,

R. E. HOOD  
SAC

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# TRADEVIEW by W.R. WILKERSON

• WE THINK the time has arrived when it becomes necessary for our name players who have been accused of Communist activities, party-lying or of being card holders in the party, to do something more than issue a denial through their press representative or shove the accusation aside with a shrug at the cameras. This Commie business is getting too serious to permit such toothy denials. There must be something more convincing, otherwise Hollywood will get more than finger-pointing and slaps by our customers and critics.

We happen to know that Eddie Robinson, who was accused in the Copen hearings last week by an FBI report, was asked to grab a plane, go to New York, seek permission of the court to deny the charges and then move on to Washington for a showdown with J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI crowd in an effort to disprove the charges and refute any like charges in the future. But Mr. Robinson refused to do, resulting in his half-baked denial meaning nothing in the eyes of the public that made him a big star.

We have no interest in the others accused - the Freddie Marches and Sylvia Signey - as we do not consider them film players or a part of our Hollywood picture. But Mr. Robinson is, and is now sitting on one of the greatest baits he has ever had in a picture in 20th's "The House of Strangers." A serious effort to clear himself of all Commie accusations at this time would, on the shoulders of this picture, bounce him way up to the 100 as a name attraction for our theaters. However, if he persists in brushing the matter aside and refuses to do anything other than make lame denials, not only will 20th suffer with the release of this fine picture but Robinson will be killing off the greatest opportunity he has ever had.

We don't believe Eddie Robinson is a Commie. We don't believe any of his activities that the FBI or the Tenney committee have labeled as Communist stem from any desires on his part to help Communism. We rather think that Robinson, along with a lot of our other people, have been talked into a "liberal" trick by some of their acquaintances who AKA Commies, using well-known names to build up left-wing organizations and activities tending to build up U. S. Communism. The majority of these people who are

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The airlift story, ~~there is~~ <sup>the</sup> 20th production boss will then go to Paris, where Casey Robinson will film backgrounds for "My Old Man". Zerkow will then return to London, where "The Black Rose" company, which has been filming in Africa, goes there for shooting interiors. He will return to his Hollywood post in late July.

### ASCAP Grants 15-Day Tune Extension To TV

New York.—ASCAP has granted telecasters an additional 15 days, until July 1, 1949, to use its members' music on video shows, pending final agreement as to rates of compensation. Previously the Society extended the right to June 15.

President Fred Ahlert said: "I am happy to report that progress is being made toward clarifying the issues of this extremely complicated subject. It is the earnest desire of the Society to continue to make all possible efforts to keep the extensive and varied ASCAP musical repertory available to the American public on television."

### Dmytryk Will Meg Film For Waxman In Gotham

New York.—Edward Dmytryk will return here this Fall to direct a film version of "Dreadful Summit" from the novel and screenplay by Stanley Ellin. It was announced the producer Philo A. Waxman.

Feature, budgeted at \$400,000, will be filmed on the site on a five-week shooting schedule, starting Sept.

Waxman last returned from London where he made the arrangements with Dmytryk.

### WBi Strand Dropping Stage Shows Policy

New York.—Warner Bros. Strand Theatre will drop its stage show policy next month starting with the premiere of "The Fourth Deadly Sin" and will revert to straight films, including short subjects. New policy will be continued at least until Labor Day and perhaps after that depending on business.

Strand Theatre brought in the new program policy with bands in 1938.

### TRADE VIEWS W.B. WILKINSON

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sucked into these things don't know what they are doing. They wish to have themselves graded as the "intellectuals" and looked on as pos-sibles. They ought to be snapped out of their slumber, they are workers, not what they would like to be. Along such lines will eventually rule them out of public favor and, eventually, off the screen entirely.

## TRADE VIEWS by W.R. WILKERSON

We are herewith reprinting in full a letter received yesterday from Edward C. Robinson, whose our Trade Views of yesterday:

Dear Mr. Wilkerson:

I read your Tradeviews of Monday, June 13, and first wish to call your attention to a misstatement of fact in the editorial. I was not asked to grab a plane and go to New York to seek the permission of the court to deny the charges made against me and then move on to Washington for a showdown with J. Edgar Hoover and his FBI cronies. Consequently I did not refuse to go. The facts are as follows:

I myself, when I read in the newspapers the scurrilous and unfounded accusations against me, immediately telephoned my attorney and asked if it were possible for me to fly at once to Washington where the Coplon trial was being held and to demand that I be permitted on the witness stand and under oath to refute the allegations. My attorney from that moment on has been investigating as to whether or not the appearance of mine would be permitted. So you see, Mr. Wilkerson, the contrary is the case: it was I who demanded and insisted upon an immediate hearing in Washington.

I have become sick and tired of the insinuations and innuendos which from time to time have been cast upon my worthiness as an American citizen. I am outraged that after my return of many years' standing in serving my country that at this late date I am in the position of having to tolerate and defend my Americanism against the attempts of sick and diseased minds who attempt to convict by public accusation. These are the REAL un-Americans who attempt to sway public opinion without giving the accused his day in court.

So that there can never again be any question in the minds of the American people, as there should not be now, as to my position and feelings, I again say that I am not, nor have I ever been a member of the Communist party, nor have I ever been remotely connected with it, nor am I in sympathy with its ideas or with any form of Communism whatsoever.

I have been a member of organizations during the war years which were formed for worthy purposes—the preservation of our American way of life. In these organizations were worthy American citizens whose pa-

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publishing and publicity" of the new company. Anne Laurie Williams has secured the sale of film rights to Johnson's stories. *Invincible* is attorney Joe Monticello.

### **'Deedee,' 'Incorrigible' Condemned By Legion**

New York.—The French film "Deedee" and the Swedish picture "Incorrigible" have been placed in the class "NC" or "condemned" category by the National Legion of Decency. "Deedee," distributed by Vag Films, was condemned because "in theme and treatment this film is grossly offensive to traditional standards of morality and decency." The Legion objected to "Incorrigible" on the grounds that it contains indecent and suggestive situations and it is harmful in treatment.

### **Grayson, Keel Set To Board MGM 'Showboat'**

Kathryn Grayson and Howard Keel will be starred by MGM in "Show Boat," by Jerome Kern.

Before leaving for New York, producer Arthur Hays completed preliminary plans for the Technicolor musical with Dore Schary. An all-star cast will be used.

### **Stevenson To U-I**

David Stevenson, former E! story editor yesterday joined U-I in an official capacity to supervise scripts from the E! staff. He was away from the firm for four years at 20th-Fox.

### **Faylan Into 'Francis'**

Franc Faylan completes the cast of U-I's "Francis," which stars Donald O'Connor.



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Nationalism had never been questioned and more than he should be. It is possible that undesirable citizens joined these organizations, but at no time to my knowledge when I was active in them, had these organizations been used to serve any other purpose but the high American ideas for which they were founded. If I had had any evidence to the contrary, I would have fought them from the inside, and failing that, I would have resigned and continued fighting them from the outside.

I pray that I may be given the opportunity of appearing in court, where I am now attempting to do so, that I can once and for all still these mind and unfounded rumors, but in the absence of this opportunity, I welcome the complete and full investigation of my life and my activities.

Yours very truly,  
Edward G. Stevenson.

# DENIES RED AFFILIATION

Robinson, Film Actor, Reiterates  
Stance on Communists

Edward G. Robinson, film actor referred to as a Communist sympathizer in a report of the Federal Bureau of Investigation introduced at the trial of Judith Coplon in Washington last week, reiterated yesterday his denial of Communist leanings or sympathies. He arrived at La Guardia Airport from the West Coast.

"I am not a Communist, never was a Communist and never associated with Communists," the actor declared. "It is mean and despicable to have good Americans subjected periodically charges of Communist leanings and sympathies. President Truman covered the subject thoroughly at his press conference last week."

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Date 11/10/49 1949

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ATTN: MR. L. B. NICHOLS.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

December 1, 1949

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, Los Angeles  
SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON, was  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R.  
Bufile 100-134207

DATE: November 25, 1949

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Re bulet 11/12/49, entitled Security Index.

The attached list of the reference letter fails to reflect that the Bureau is maintaining a Security Index Card on the above subject.

Under date of February 25, 1947, a Security Index card was authorized and a file review fails to reflect that authority to cancel has ever been received. The Bureau is requested therefore to change its records to reflect the Security Index card maintained on the subject.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : [REDACTED] b7c  
FROM : [REDACTED]  
SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON, was.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: January 17, 1950

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DATE 4-12-88 BY SPY/MS/JS

This is to advise for record purposes that the cross references to the captioned individual as reflected on the attached slips have been reviewed without disclosing any pertinent information of significance to the investigation which is not presently contained in the main file on the subject.

It is recommended that this memorandum be filed in subject's file for future reference.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
Bufile 100-434207

DATE: January 25, 1950

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DATE 4-12-88 BY SP-8/BJF

Reference Los Angeles letter dated November 25, 1949 wherein the Bureau was requested to change its records to reflect that a Security Index Card was maintained on EDWARD G. ROBINSON.

The Los Angeles files reflect no recent information indicating participation in Communist activity by the subject.

It is respectfully suggested that consideration be given to cancelling the Security Index Card presently maintained on EDWARD G. ROBINSON, in view of the lack of current information indicating participation in Communist activities.

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SAC, Los Angeles

February 8, 1950

Director, FBI

EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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DATE 4-12-88 BY 60222 JCB

Reference is made to your letter dated January 25, 1950.

It is desired that the security index card relating to the subject be maintained until the final disposition of this case. You are requested to advise as to the exact status of the case involving Albert Kaitz and others, inasmuch as you were previously instructed to place this case in a pending inactive status until the case against those individuals has been disposed of.

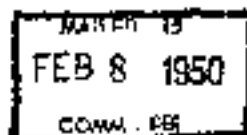
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
(Bufile 100-22505)

DATE: February 23, 1950

Rebulet dated February 8, 1950.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, the Security Index card relating to the subject will be maintained pending the final disposition of the case involving ALBERT MALTZ, et al.

With reference to the exact status of the case involving ALBERT MALTZ, et al, the case involving the contempt conviction of JOHN HOWARD LANSON and DALTON TRUMBO is presently on appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

It is noted that by stipulation between the Government and the defense attorneys for the "Hollywood 10", it was agreed that the case of ALBERT MALTZ and the remaining members of the above group would be decided on the basis of the final disposition of the case of LANSON and TRUMBO.

The Washington Field Office is requested to check the docket of the Supreme Court for the current status of the above appeal and advise the Los Angeles Office.

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cc: Washington Field (100-16979)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: March 7, 1950

SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
 (Bureau file 100-124097)

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The following is being furnished for information:

FLORANSEL MUIR, reporting in the Los Angeles Mirror, dated March 2, 1950 wrote "Actor EDDIE ROBINSON and his wife, who has achieved much fame as an artist, are always doing something out of the ordinary, but their present activities hit a new high mark of something or other. He is on his way to call on TITO in Yugoslavia, and on ANNA PAUKER in Romania, while GLADYS (ROBINSON) is arranging to paint the portrait of POPE PIUS XII in Rome."

"She asked the POPE to pose for a picture and at first he demurred and wanted her to do it from a portrait, but she talked him out of that saying she couldn't do a good job from an inanimate likeness of him."

"ROBINSON is reported to have aspirations to portray TITO on the screen, but no definite production plans have been announced."

Under the byline "Rome Hamblings" dated February 28, 1950, The Hollywood Reporter on March 3, 1950 had the following information:

"EDWARD G. ROBINSON here for a few days enroute to Israel. He stops at Madrid and Lisbon on way back."

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 21, 1950

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
(Bufile 100-134207)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 4-2-88 BY SP-5 JAL

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated February 23, 1950.

A check of the docket at the United States Supreme Court reflects JOHN EDWARD LAWSON, docket number 53997, and DALETON THOMAS, docket number 53998, filed petitions before the Supreme Court of the United States on August 11, 1949.

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CC: Los Angeles (100-22505)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES  
SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
(Bufile 100-34209)

DATE: 8/23/50

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Reference is made to previous correspondence regarding the advisability of interviewing EDWARD G. ROBINSON.

The Bureau advised by letters dated 3/25/49 and 2/8/50 that captioned case should be placed in a pending inactive status awaiting the final disposition of the case involving ALBERT MALTZ and others.

Final disposition of the case involving the "Hollywood Ten" has been made and with the exception of one subject, all persons involved are serving their sentences.

No information has been developed which would indicate that ROBINSON would be cooperative if interviewed by the Bureau.

The above case is being placed in a CLOSED status.

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SAC, Los Angeles

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Director, FBI

EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Reurlet August 23, 1950, which inaccurately showed the Bureau file number as 100-134207, and in which you indicate that the case is being placed in a closed status. It was pointed out that no information has been developed which would indicate that subject would be cooperative if interviewed by Bureau agents.

A review of the file of the Bureau reflects that in March 1949, you requested authority to interview subject. This authority was not granted by the Bureau and you were requested to again consider such an interview after the case involving the "Hollywood Ten" had been disposed of.

It is desired that you submit to the Bureau your recommendation as to whether or not the subject should be interviewed and your reasons therefor.

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# Office Memorandum • CONFIDENTIAL • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: October 20, 1950

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PURPOSE

To recommend that Robinson not be interviewed at this time. Robinson has been associated with numerous Communist front groups for many years. He has been in frequent contact with Soviet officials stationed in the United States, some of whom are known or suspected Soviet agents.

BACKGROUND

Investigation of Robinson was initiated in August, 1944, because of his association with various Communist front groups and Communist dominated organizations over a period of years and because of his frequent contacts with Soviet officials stationed in the United States. The investigation was closed in December, 1945, and was again opened in February, 1948, for the purpose of determining whether or not he was engaged in Soviet espionage activities.

Robinson was born in Bucharest, Rumania, on December 12, 1893. He was educated in the United States and is a citizen by derivation, his father having been naturalized in New York on September 20, 1909.

Investigation of Robinson and other investigations conducted by the Los Angeles Office have disclosed that Robinson has been in contact with Soviet officials stationed in the United States who have been identified as

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In February, 1948, Mrs. Andrei Gromyko, accompanied by two women officials of Soviet Russia, visited Robinson at Warner Brothers Studio and was photographed with him.

It has also been alleged that Robinson holds secret meetings at his home attended by Communist writers, actors, and other members of the motion picture industry. Robinson is known to have a large art collection. [REDACTED] b7c  
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You will recall that during March, 1949, the Los Angeles Office requested permission to interview Robinson. At that time authority was denied until the final disposition of the case relating to contempt involving Albert Maltz and others in the movie industry growing out of their testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

You will also recall that Robinson's name was mentioned in the reports which were made public in connection with the Judith Coplon trial in Washington. The "New York Times" for June 21, 1949, quoted Robinson as stating that he was not a Communist and was never associated with Communists. The "Hollywood Reporter" for June 13, 1949, in a column by W. R. Wilkerson alleged that when Robinson's name was disclosed in the Coplon trial, Robinson was asked to proceed to New York to seek permission of the court to deny

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charges and then "move on to Washington for a showdown with J. Edgar Hoover and his FBI crowd...." It was stated that Robinson refused to go, resulting in his "half-baked denial, meaning nothing in the eyes of the public that made him a big star."

The "Hollywood Reporter" in the same column on June 14, 1949, published a letter received from Robinson in which he denied that he was requested to go to New York and Washington for a showdown with the FBI. He stated that it was he who insisted upon a hearing in Washington and that he hoped that he would be given an opportunity of appearing in court to "once and for all still these mad and unfounded rumors." He also stated that in the absence of this opportunity he would welcome a complete and full investigation of his life and activities.

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Los Angeles by teletype of October 20, 1950, advised

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recommended an interview with Robinson. The Los Angeles Office

The investigation conducted of Robinson's activities to date has failed to disclose espionage activities and it would appear that the only practical investigative step at this time is an interview with him. This would appear desirable in view of the information set forth above.

As you know, the cases involving contempt proceedings against Albert Maltz and others of the "Hollywood Ten" have been disposed of and all of them with the exception of one are serving sentences in connection therewith.

RECOMMENDATION:

Even though an interview with Robinson concerning his activities would appear to be a desirable investigative step, it is not believed that the interview should be conducted at this time. Robinson, of course, knows

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that the Bureau is interested in information of this nature, and inasmuch as he has not approached the Bureau [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it is not believed that we should consider an interview with him now. 670

There is attached a teletype to New York and Los Angeles instructing that no interview be conducted at this time. If developments so warrant, an interview with him will be considered at a later date.

V. [Signature]

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EDWARD G. ROBINSON, INTERNAL SECURITY-R. THE FOLLOWING IS EVIDENCE  
OF DESIRABILITY OF INTERVIEWING ROBINSON IMMEDIATELY.

[REDACTED]

PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE DETERMINED THAT ATTORNEY  
AND ROBINSON VISITED CRC THIS DATE.

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cc: Mr. Robinson

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EDWARD G. ROBINSON INTERNAL SECURITY R. REBUKIT OCTOBER THREE LAST  
REQUESTING RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT SUBJECT SHOULD BE  
INTERVIEWED.

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IN VIEW OF ABOVE BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE NY WHETHER OR  
NOT TO INTERVIEW ROBINSON PRIOR TO ABOVE MEETING. LA RECOMMENDS  
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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On September 11, 1950, SA [REDACTED] observed EDWARD G. ROBINSON leaving the entrance of the Ferguson Building at 307 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, where the CRC is located.

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On November 24, 1947, the Attorney General declared the CRC within the purview of Executive Order Number 9835.

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[REDACTED] is believed identical with [REDACTED] an attorney and long-time friend of EDWARD G. RODINSON.

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THE NEW YORK OFFICE:

At New York City, will attempt to determine results of ROBINSON's  
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THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

At Washington, D.C. will attempt to determine results of  
ROBINSON's [REDACTED] b7D

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REFERENCE: New York teletype to Bureau and Los Angeles  
dated 10/20/50

Los Angeles teletype to Bureau and New York  
dated 10/19, 20/50

WFO teletype to Bureau, New York and  
Los Angeles dated 10/27/50.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: EDWARD G. WELKSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY R  
(Bu file 100-337779)

DATE: 11/6/50

b7c Rebutel dated 10/3/50. Reference is made to the report of SA [redacted] dated 11/6/50 at Los Angeles, five copies of which are enclosed herewith.

Request to interview and recommendations relative to this proposed interview are being held in abeyance until information is developed concerning the subject's [redacted]. When this information is developed, the Los Angeles Office will submit to the Bureau recommendations regarding proposed interview of the subject.

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TO : DIRECTOR

DATE: October 24, 1950

FROM : Clyde Tolson

SUBJECT: Edward G. RobinsonALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Mr. Morris Ernst called me on October 23rd stating that as a personal favor, he would appreciate it if you would personally see Mr. Robinson who wanted to explain to you the facts concerning some of the organizations with which he has been connected in past years. I told Mr. Ernst that I would be very glad to speak to you about this matter but that I doubted the wisdom of your doing this.

After talking to you about this I talked to Morris Ernst this morning and told him you saw no point in such an interview, that there was nothing you could do, that we could not make an investigation of Robinson at his request, and if we did, the results could not be made available to anyone outside the Government. I told Mr. Ernst that, of course, if Mr. Robinson wanted to file any statement to be placed in the permanent files of the Bureau, we would be glad to receive it.

Mr. Ernst said he had thought this matter over very carefully since his call yesterday and he agreed with my initial statement to him that it would not be desirable for you to sit down and discuss such matters with Mr. Robinson.

cc: [redacted] b7c

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October 24, 1950.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Edgar:

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I write you about my friend Eddie Robinson. As you may know, Counterattack included his name in their volume Red Channels. I have looked over all of the facts and whereas everything said by Counterattack may be true, the total statement is nevertheless a lie.

In brief, Robinson gave, over a period of years, literally to many hundreds of organizations, a total in excess of probably \$250,000, and to the groups mentioned by Counterattack — a mere handful in number — his total contributions amounted to only a few hundred dollars. Moreover, if anyone looks at the circumstances under which he did relate himself to various groups, you will find that he did so at the request either of the Vice-Mayor of Los Angeles, William Allen White, Dorothy Thompson, or various very unsuspected persons. In addition, Counterattack's documentation cruelly takes no cognizance of the time at which various people were connected with various organizations and as surely know because of the experience in the Lawyers Guild, decent American groups, unaware of the tactics of underground sneaks, found that worthy enterprises were subverted by communists.

I am writing to you because I think it important that the FBI files be made most full and complete. I do this even though I know that your function, happily, is very limited; you have no power to make public your reports, to indict or to discharge. However, your basic function of making full reports does suggest to my mind that I would like to know how best to proceed with expedition to have your file as complete as possible.

It is not unlikely that Mr. Robinson will again be called upon to render services to the government, in which event it will be normal to expect that a report from the FBI will be called for by the Department in question. I write this fully because not only will Mr. Robinson be happy to send down such material as he thinks may be relevant to correct the injustice done by such observations as Counterattack's, but is at all times ready to be interviewed and to answer any and all questions.

I would appreciate it deeply if you will let me know at this time merely how best to proceed with speed.

Best regards,

Yours,

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Morris L. Ernst

I am not acting in a professional manner for Mr. Robinson but as a friend.



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Mr. Morris L. Ernst  
Greenbaum, Wolff & Ernst  
265 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Morris:

In response to your letter of October 24, 1950, I have always thought that one of the best ways for me to remove any question as to his past associations, whether made innocently or knowingly, is to make a public renunciation of them and a forthright statement against Communism and all it stands for.

I assure you that we will, of course, file any statement which Robinson wants to make for our files.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

Note: Ernst has been a good friend of the Bureau for quite sometime. He most recently defended the FBI position in the Loyalty Program in an article in the Autumn 1950 issue of the American Scholar, a publication of Phi Beta Kappa.

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SAC, Los Angeles

December 16, 1950

Director, FBI

EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Reference is made to the letter dated November 3, 1950, from the captioned subject to the Bureau and the Bureau's acknowledgment dated November 8, 1950, copies of which were made available to you.

For the completion of your file and for your consideration in future investigation in this case, there is enclosed a photostatic copy of subject's testimony before the Committee on Un-American Activities which was sent to the Bureau with subject's letter of November 3. Also attached for your information are two copies of a letter to me from Morris L. Ernst dated 10-24-50, and two copies of the Bureau's acknowledgment.

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**BEFORE THE**

**COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**EIGHTY-FIRST CONGRESS**

**SECOND SESSION**

**Date October 27, 1950**

**ALTHEA ARGENEANU**

**6517 Glenbrook Road**

**Bethesda 14, Maryland**

**Official Reporter**

**Telephone: Wisconsin 6-2241**

STATE OF NEW YORK  
CITY of *New York*  
COUNTY OF *New York* to-wit:

I, Edward G. Robinson, 510 North Rexford Drive,  
Beverly Hills, California, do solemnly swear that the  
statements contained in the attached volume of testimony  
given before the Committee on Un-American Activities,  
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., on Friday,  
October 27, 1950, are, to the best of my knowledge and  
belief, true in every respect.

*Edward G. Robinson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 3 day of *November*, 1950.

*Solomon Grant*

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

SOLOMON GRANT  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK  
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Friday, October 27, 1950

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,  
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

There appeared before the following named members of the staff of the Committee on Un-American Activities at 11:50 a.m., in room 226, Old House Office Building, Edward G. Robinson, accompanied by Raymond Bell.

Committee staff members present: Louis J. Russell, senior investigator; William A. Wheeler, Courtney E. Owens, and James Andrews, investigators; and A. S. Poore, editor.

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TESTIMONY OF EDWARD G. ROBINSON

Mr. RUSSELL. Will you state your full name?

Mr. ROBINSON. Edward G. Robinson.

Mr. RUSSELL. What is your profession?

Mr. ROBINSON. Actor.

Mr. RUSSELL. When and where were you born?

Mr. ROBINSON. I was born in Bucharest, Roumania, December 12, 1893.

Mr. RUSSELL. Are you a naturalized citizen of the United States?

Mr. ROBINSON. By Act of Congress. My father was a citizen and I automatically became one.



Mr. RUSSELL. Will you state your residence address?

Mr. ROBINSON. 910 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Robinson, you are appearing before the committee upon your own request, are you not?

Mr. ROBINSON. Yes.

Mr. RUSSELL. In the June 2, 1947 issue of Newsweek a statement was made to this effect: "Edward G. Robinson is persistently found in Communist fronts." In view of such charges, you have requested an appearance before this committee in an effort to clarify the record?

Mr. ROBINSON. That is quite right.

Mr. RUSSELL. Have you a prepared statement which you would like to present to the committee?

Mr. ROBINSON. I haven't any prepared statement except the one I have used in answer to Red Channels, which I think more or less covers my behavior the last ten or eleven years, up to date, what my political activities have been, and so on.

Mr. RUSSELL. Will you leave the statement with the committee?

Mr. ROBINSON. With pleasure.

(The statement above referred to is as follows:)

INTRODUCTION

Red Channels, a booklet published recently, uses the name of Edward G. Robinson as one who was a member of, or connected in other ways with, several groups which are described as Communist front organizations.

Red Channels' charges against Mr. Robinson fail to present a complete picture of his manifold activities. The record of positive contributions, of his time, money and talent is so impressive that the conclusions indicated in Red Channels are completely negated. Red Channels also fails to list the names of the nation's foremost leaders who were connected with the same organizations as Mr. Robinson.

When examined, the record will show that he has at all times subscribed to and believed in the principles of democracy and that he has actively supported them in many ways.

In view of the inferences and criticisms that membership in organizations named in Red Channels might arouse, Mr. Robinson has asked that a thorough investigation and factual analysis be made of his activities, particularly in relation to the organizations named.

An extensive dossier, covering the facts has been prepared, but for the sake of brevity only the highlights of that analysis are presented in the following pages.

CHARGES OF RED CHANNELS

The failure of the author of Red Channels to fairly analyze the facts is demonstrated by the absence of any listing of the positive contributions towards strengthening of democracy, made by Mr. Robinson.

No serious and sincere researcher would present only that side which enables him to blacken and destroy the reputation of an individual.

Red Channels lists the following organizations with which Mr. Robinson has been associated:

1. Political - Hollywood Democratic Committee

National Citizens Political Action  
Committee

Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee  
for the Arts, Sciences and Professions

Independent Citizens Committee for the  
Arts, Sciences and Professions

Progressive Citizens of America

2. Civil Rights - American Committee for the Protection  
of Foreign Born

Civil Rights Congress

3. US-USSR Friendship - National Council for American-  
Soviet Friendship

Soviet Russia Today - Red Army Dinner

American Russian Institute

4. Relief - American Committee for Yugoslav Relief

GENERAL PHILOSOPHY OF EDWARD G. ROBINSON SHOWN BY HIS RECORDS

Analysis of letters, documents and lists of contributions in Mr. Robinson's files reflects a broad concern on his part for many aspects of civic responsibility of an American who takes his citizenship seriously. Mr. Robinson maintained intense interest in social and community problems, as well as in political and international questions. He was always willing and ready to assist innumerable causes. It followed, therefore, that requests for aid and support came to him from numerous organizations, and that among these would be some whose loyalty is now under question. It should be added, however, that at the time he was connected with or rendered assistance to the organizations named above, they were

- (a) supporting the policy of the U.S. State Department and of the Administration.
- (b) supported by the majority of the people of the U.S. and by prominent government, military and civic leaders whose loyalty and patriotism were beyond question.

### POLITICAL ACTION

The five political organizations with which Mr. Robinson was connected, according to Red Channels, succeeded each other and in some instances overlapped. All of them supported Franklin D. Roosevelt, excepting those created after the President's death. Mr. Robinson was and still is a great admirer of the late Chief Executive. His own viewpoint on international affairs was in general agreement with that of F.D.R., expressed in the now historically famous speech in October, 1937 at Chicago, when the President called for "quarantining of the aggressor."

Extremely conscious of the responsibilities of citizenship including the right and obligation to vote, Mr. Robinson participated actively and through contributions in political campaigns. In 1940 (when the Communists opposed F.D.R. and maligned him as a war-monger) he served on the Advisory Committee of, and contributed to, the "Hollywood for Roosevelt Committee," headed by Pat O'Brien.

In the final chapter of this presentation, it will be shown that Mr. Robinson contributed to numerous organizations which conducted campaigns in behalf of the election or re-election of President Roosevelt and other Democratic candidates.

THE HOLLYWOOD DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE supported the re-election of President Roosevelt in 1944. Mr. Robinson was elected to the Executive Board of that organization, attended several meetings in that capacity, contributed funds and appeared on the radio for that Committee.

Among the members of the Executive Committee, whose loyalty was beyond question were such stalwart Americans as Jesse Laskey, Emmett Levery, Talbot Jennings, Sol Lesser and J. K. Wallace. In joining this and other groups, Mr. Robinson was motivated by the highest principles and assumed the same of his fellow-members. They had given adequate proof that they desired the same result as he: the re-election of Roosevelt.

(In 1945 the Hollywood Democratic Committee was dissolved and succeeded by HICGASP.)

THE HOLLYWOOD INDEPENDENT CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR THE ARTS, SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS (HICGASP) was the local branch of the INDEPENDENT CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR THE ARTS, SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS.

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Outstanding liberals like John Dewey, Dr. Alonzo Myers, participated in ICCASP with James Roosevelt as Director of Political Organization and Harold Ickes as Chairman of the Executive Committee. Mr. Robinson permitted use of his name as an "initiating sponsor" because he desired Roosevelt's policy to be continued. Beyond lending his name as sponsor, Mr. Robinson's activity in connection with ICCASP consisted of support of a National Fine Arts Bill, a National Health Bill and participation in some broadcasts.

HICCASP had on its Executive Council such people as Charles Boyer and others of similar stature. Mr. Robinson, too, served on the Council, made small financial contributions to the Committee, and participated in a skit at the Los Angeles Philharmonic Auditorium, sponsored by HICCASP. In this skit a plea was made for unity among the Big Three to achieve real peace and to strengthen the United Nations which just then was born in San Francisco. By the end of 1946, Mr. Robinson was no longer connected with it in any way.

THE NATIONAL CITIZENS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE was organized in July, 1944 by the CIO Political Action Committee under Sidney Hillman. The NCPAC was created to re-elect President Roosevelt through marshalling independent voters. Though nominally non-partisan, the NCPAC supported almost entirely liberal Democrats and raised funds for the purchase of radio-time and newspaper-space in behalf of these candidates.

Dominant among NCPAC leadership were such figures as:

Sidney Hillman  
A. F. Whitney  
Gifford Pinchot

Mrs. J. Borden Harriman  
Bishop Bright  
Mrs. Edward Warburg

Mr. Robinson contributed to the NCPAC and granted the use of his name as member of NCPAC's National Council, though he did not participate in any of its meetings, all of which were held in the East.

(By the end of 1946, NCPAC was dissolved and merged, along with ICCASP into the Progressive Citizens of America -- PCA.)

When one political action group was dissolved and succeeded by another, the membership was taken over -- almost in toto -- by the succeeding organization. It

followed therefore that earlier membership in the Hollywood Democratic Committee led to automatic membership in HIOCCASP, and membership in MCPAC to later association with PCA.

THE PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS OF AMERICA (PCA) came into being on December 29, 1946. Mr. Robinson participated as an initiating sponsor of PCA's Los Angeles Chapter (February 11, 1947), and contributed towards the expense of the initial meeting. Purpose of PCA was to aid in the campaign for the election of Democratic candidates to Congress.

In co-sponsoring the Los Angeles meeting, Mr. Robinson found himself in the company of such vigorous and outspoken Anti-Communists as Jack Kroll, CIO Political Action Chief, A. J. Whitney and Bishop Bright. Officers of national PCA were such active opponents of Communism as Philip Murray, Fiorello LaGuardia and A. P. Whitney, all of them serving as vice-chairmen.

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Mr. Robinson was listed among the 133 names on the ballot for the Los Angeles PCA Chapter Executive Committee. Listed as candidates also were Irving DeShetler (now head of the CIO in Los Angeles), Mrs. Sumner Spaulding (head of the Community Chest and Y.W.C.A.), and others whose patriotism is beyond question.

Mr. Robinson made several contributions to PCA, the last one on May 19, 1947, and since then had nothing further to do with the organization.

#### CIVIL RIGHTS

Perusal of his lists of contributions shows Mr. Robinson's strong interest in the under-privileged and those to whom fate has been unkind. Thus we find contributions to the most varied types of charities, from organizations devoted to fighting juvenile delinquency, to Aid-to-the-Blind groups, to cultural, educational and esthetic groups. (A detailed break-down of his contributions appears in the last chapter.)

Having strong humanitarian convictions regarding his obligations to his fellow-men, and doubly conscious of his own good fortune, Robinson responded readily to organizations soliciting his aid in behalf of minority groups whose purposes were presented to him to be the fight against ignorance and bigotry and for equality.

Red Channels lists two organizations in this field with which Mr. Robinson was connected: The American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born and the Civil Rights Congress. There is no reference, however, to all the other organizations which were also dedicated to the fight against bigotry and received support from him. Viewed in the framework of all his contributions to all organizations, Mr. Robinson's support of organizations which are now under attack, are infinitesimally small. The reader is referred, therefore, to the last chapter.

THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE FOREIGN BORN invited Mr. Robinson to be a sponsor and speaker at their United Nations Dinner on April 17, 1943. Being foreign-born himself, and noting the dinner was intended to hail outstanding Americans of foreign birth, Mr. Robinson accepted.

With William Allen White and Dorothy Thompson as fellow-speakers, Mr. Robinson felt like anyone else would, namely that he was in good company.

His speech had no political aspects. It can be epitomized by quoting one single sentence: "The composite blood of the whole human race flows in the veins of this (AMERICAN) people, the blood of every race, every nation and every people in the world."

Mr. Robinson was not a member but, in 1943 contributed \$100.00 and in 1944 \$10.00 and allowed his name to be used as sponsor. What he thought to be the sole-interest of the Committee is reflected in a telegram he sent when the organization requested a message. "America United," he wired, "means minorities united against Hitler, Himmler and Goering, and a victory expressing the tradition of Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt. Minorities united for America mean a free nation, cooperating with other free nations for a free world, free from Fascism."

That telegram reflects his thinking. Further comment would be superfluous.

Mr. Robinson had no further connection with the Committee after June, 1944.

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THE CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS was organized in Detroit on April 27-28, 1946. Mr. Robinson had nothing to do with its creation and there is no evidence of any kind in his very complete files that he contributed to the Civil Rights Congress or ever permitted his name to be used. A thorough check of public documents reveals that his name was not used in connection with any of the many protest meetings arranged by the Civil Rights Congress.

US - USSR FRIENDSHIP

In reviewing the charges of association by Mr. Robinson with organizations whose purpose it was to promote better relations between the United States and Soviet Russia, cognizance must be taken of two factors:

- (a) What was the position of American Communists during the time of the Berlin-Moscow Pact, and what was Mr. Robinson's position?
- (b) What was the position of American Communists after the Nazi invasion of Soviet Russia, and what was our Government's and Mr. Robinson's position vis-a-vis Russia after Pearl Harbor, when she was our war-time ally.

The record shows that on this score, too, Mr. Robinson need not defend himself.

Having visited Europe in 1939, Robinson was shocked by the Nazi-Soviet Pact which preceded Germany's invasion of Poland. On his return to America he spent considerable sums of money to hold a huge Polish Relief Party at his home in October, 1939, where thousands of dollars were raised. At the same time, he contributed directly to the Polish Relief Fund. During the same period, Communists in America were rationalizing Russia's brutal assault on Poland's rear as "protective security" for Soviet Russia, and boycotted Polish War Relief activities and every other Allied War Relief cause until June 22, 1941, the day of the Nazi invasion of Russia.

During the period of the Berlin-Moscow Pact, Mr. Robinson contributed to the War Relief Organizations of Finland and Poland, two countries which were victims of Soviet aggression.



He also contributed to British, Greek, Chinese, French, Czechoslovakian, Yugoslav and other foreign relief programs.

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While the Communists agitated against preparedness and the "Imperialist War" and called F.D.R. a "war monger," Mr. Robinson supported the Committee to Defend America through Aid to the Allies (headed by William Allen White), and in his weekly trans-continental broadcasts (Big-Town -- 1937-42) advocated American superiority in the air, even long before the Nazi invasion of Poland.

He received praise from high ranking military officers for his aid to the defense program and recruiting drive. He received citations for his patriotism from many organizations, including the Americanism Educational League and the American Legion. The Legion citation, which was presented to him on his broadcast of January 18, 1941, was given him for "outstanding contribution to Americanism through his stirring patriotic appeals on his nation-wide broadcasts of Big Town."

Enumeration of his many activities for and contributions to the Red Cross and the United Service Organization (USO) would fill a book. He devoted much of his broadcasting time to the furtherance of Red Cross and U.S.O. activities. He arranged a garden party in his own home, at great expense to himself, to raise money for the U.S.O., and, in addition, donated heavily himself.

After U.S. entry into the war, he devoted himself even more to the U.S.O. and other morale-building organizations. In 1942 he contributed \$100,000. in one lump sum, to U.S.O. When interviewed by the press in connection with that gift, he said: "This is only a small down-payment for the privilege of being an American."

His wife worked full-time for U.S.O., being a member of its National Executive Board and President of the California State U.S.O. Later she organized, headed and inspired the famous Desert Battalion, a U.S.O. troupe which visited Marine, Army and Navy units then training in the California and Arizona desert. Praise for the services of the Desert Battalion -- on which Mr. Robinson spent more than \$18,000 came from many high ranking government and military officials, including Generals Vandegrift, Arnold and Patton.

There were, of course, countless appearances in training camps and war plants, and twice he went abroad to entertain troops.

While abroad in 1942 he served as special officer of the Office of War Information and worked with the British Ministry for Information. He made numerous appearances for large rallies and many broadcasts. His appearances and broadcasts were intended to cement better relations between the two war-time allies. In addition he made broadcasts from Britain in nine different languages to countries then under Nazi domination.

On his second trip abroad, in 1944, he again entertained troops and was the first Hollywood star to appear before the men on the beaches of Normandy shortly after D-day. The British Royal Air Force asked Robinson to assist in the production of a film, "Journey Together" sponsored by the RAF. In this film Mr. Robinson played the part of an American aviation instructor, training British cadets.

Before and after his trips Mr. Robinson served as Treasury Department Minute Man and achieved a remarkable record in the sale of Savings and Defense Bonds, for which he received numerous citations. He appeared in dramatic radio programs which were sponsored by the Treasury Department and in many public service shows as "Command Performance", "Soldiers with Wings", and many others, sponsored by the War Department and Office of Emergency Management.

He contributed to the Masquers Morale Corps of Hollywood, appeared before the Chicago Commission on National Defense and before numerous meetings sponsored by War Relief Organizations, including the Moon Bowl Program of China Relief in Hollywood which won praise from David Selznick for its "immeasurable effect upon Chinese morale," and for being "the greatest impetus to the national drive to date" (August 25, 1941). For later appearances in behalf of China Relief he won personal praise from Madame Chiang Kai-Shek.

The record is far more extensive than indicated above, but even the items mentioned illustrate Mr. Robinson's desire to give of himself whole-heartedly in support of everything tending towards speeding victory and building a permanent peace through understanding among the allies.

Just as he hoped and worked for the development of closer relations between Britain and the U.S., so did he hope that unity between Russia and the United States would endure beyond victory. In that hope -- during the war time days -- he was not alone. Nor did he go any further than top military and government officials, as well as nationally prominent civic and social leaders -- and above all - the large mass of the American public.

Thus Mr. Robinson accepted some invitations from organizations which are now considered Communistic, but which at that time, received support in the highest circles.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR AMERICAN SOVIET FRIENDSHIP invited Mr. Robinson, in November 1942, to participate in their Congress of American Soviet Friendship, and in view of the facts just stated, he readily accepted. Indeed, he felt honored to be invited to join such distinguished persons as Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Jesse Jones, Senators Guffey and McKellar, and Joseph R. Davies, Paul McNutt, Dorothy Thompson and many others. A year later, in November, 1943, when a similar affair was held in Los Angeles, Mr. Robinson permitted use of his name as sponsor, though he did not participate in any activities. In 1944, he was asked to become a member of the National Council. For that and the following year he paid his dues of \$5 each. Previously he had contributed \$100, these sums representing the entire financial support given the Council.

In 1945, at the joint celebration of Washington's birthday and Red Army Day in New York, Mr. Robinson delivered a short talk in the distinguished company of Secretary Morgenthau, Field Marshal Sir Henry Maitland Wilson of Britain and Major General Kuter of the U.S. Air Force. Military attaches from many countries, stationed in Washington, also were present. Later that year he was invited to send a message to a rally sponsored by the Council at which (the then) Assistant Secretary of State Dean Acheson was the main speaker. He wired: "May our unity grow stronger, our understanding fuller and our collaboration greater in order to maintain world peace."

In 1946, again upon request, he sent a similar message of greetings to the joint celebration of Washington's Birthday and Red Army Day. At that occasion General Walter Bedell Smith was the featured speaker. Since then Mr. Robinson had no further association with, nor did he contribute to the National Council.

SOVIET RUSSIA TODAY, an illustrated publication, sponsored a Red Army Anniversary Dinner on February 22, 1943 in New York. Though invited, he did not attend, but permitted his name to be used as sponsor and made available -- for use at the dinner -- the text of a recording which he made upon request for the Office of War Information, and which was being transmitted by the OWI to Russia as a tribute to the Red Army.

Aside from this, Mr. Robinson had no further connection with "Soviet Russia Today."

THE AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE requested in June, 1942 that Mr. Robinson submit a message to be included in a book which was sent to the Russian people on the first anniversary of the Nazi attack upon Russia. He wrote: "The American heart and soul cheer the valiant fight of its allies, the Russian Army, and its peoples in their indomitable struggle against the aggressor hordes."

Outside of submitting this statement, Mr. Robinson had nothing to do with the Institute.

THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR YUGOSLAV RELIEF invited Mr. Robinson to speak at a rally, held on the steps of the Los Angeles City Hall and to introduce the Deputy Mayor. Mr. Robinson acceded to the request, but beyond that had no further connection with this group. He made no contribution to that organization.

#### MR. ROBINSON'S MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Perhaps Mr. Robinson's character, mental make-up and spheres of interest is revealed most clearly in analysis of his financial contributions to worthy causes. In a period of ten years, from 1939 to 1949, he contributed more than a quarter of a million dollars.

The figures for this analysis were drawn from Mr. Robinson's books and income tax reports.

The largest sum, close to \$130,000 was given to organizations whose purpose it was to build morale during the war among our soldiers and at the home front. This does not include the personal services of which he gave unstintingly. Mention should be made that he financed the major portion of both his trips abroad out of his own funds.

The largest recipient of Mr. Robinson's gift was the USO. Other large contributions went to the Desert Battalion, Salute to the Wounded Chaplain's Fund, Hollywood Guild Canteen, and the Masquers Service Men's Morale Corps.

More than \$30,000 was given by Mr. Robinson to charities which, in one way or another, aided victims of World War II. Among these were contributions to Foreign War Relief Organizations such as the China Relief Agency, Free French, British Relief, Aid to Greece, Finland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, etc. His contributions to the people who were victims of the Berlin-Moscow Pact began at the very outset of the war, in 1939, while the Berlin-Moscow Pact was still in effect and before the United States entry into the conflict.

Charities maintained by religious groups received more than \$67,000 in the ten-year period, and in that case, too, practically every denomination was given consideration. Catholic Churches and hospitals, the Salvation Army, Episcopal and Congregational Churches came to Mr. Robinson for aid and received it. Of course, Jewish charities received a good share of this sum since Mr. Robinson is of that faith.

Organizations dedicated to the promotion of better understanding among people of different race or creed received \$10,000. Among them were the United Negro College Fund, the George Washington Carver Association, National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Urban League, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, University Religious Conference, and others of that type.

Another \$10,000 went to educational and cultural groups, particularly to art associations, museums, symphony associations, artist fellowships, universities, libraries, etc.

Groups aiding underprivileged, disabled, blind, aged people, etc., received over \$15,000; among them the Braille Institute, Helping Hand, National Society for Prevention of Blindness, Home of the Aged, Industrial Center for the Aged, etc. There were contributions also to the National Foundation on Infantile Paralysis, Damon Runyon Fund, Sister Kenny Foundation and the Community Chest. Crippled Children's Fund, Children's Aid Society, Benefit for Spastic Children, Nursery School for Handicapped Children, prison relief organization, and the Motion Picture Relief Fund were among his beneficiaries.

Patriotic, Youth and veterans organizations received around \$2,000, among them the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, YMCA, YWCA, Eddie Cantor Camp Committee, Boy Scouts, Boys Clubs of various sorts and many others.

These figures do not add up to make of the donor a Communist or fellow-traveler. Most of the recipients are what the Communists call either bourgeois or Fascist.

Being a consistent Democrat and a follower of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mr. Robinson contributed to the Party's election campaigns. In 1940, he contributed \$250 to FDR's campaign through the Hollywood for Roosevelt Committee. In 1944, he contributed to Democratic candidates seeking election to the U. S. Congress and the California State Assembly. \$500 was given to the Hollywood Democratic Committee, and \$1500 was given to the MCPAC to purchase radio-time in Franklin Roosevelt's behalf.

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HICASP received \$250 at the time of its founding, in May, 1945. In addition, three contributions, amounting to \$196 were made to HICASP in 1946 to support regular Democratic candidates.

The Los Angeles Chapter of PCA received \$200 to cover part of the expenses of its founding meeting on February 11, 1947, and two additional contributions followed in that year amounting to \$323.20, the latest of these on May 19, 1947.

The National Council for American Soviet Friendship received during the war period a contribution of \$100 and annual dues for two years at \$5 each, totalling \$110.

In addition, the following amounts were given to the American Society for Russian Relief Inc.: In 1941, \$11; in 1942, \$144.50; in 1943, \$11.50; in 1946, \$75. Mr. Robinson's books do not contain an explanation for the odd figures, but he assumes that they were for purchases of tickets.

In comparison to the quarter of a million dollars, the contributions to organizations listed in Red Channels are microscopically small. The point need not be labored. The facts and figures speak for themselves.

## CONCLUSION

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There is quoted below an excerpt from a speech made by Mr. Robinson in 1940, speaking at an "I Am An American" Rally, and addressing himself to the young people who had come of age during the past year and achieved citizenship. He said: "At 21 you need have no fear that because your father is a Protestant, or a Catholic, or a Jew, or a liberal, as in Germany, or a petty official or non-Communist in Russia - that you will be made to suffer through crushing government decrees.

"The fifth columnist is a subtle person. He works from within our population, slowly, silently, like acid on stone, eroding steadily the fibres of our national unity. He is an individual, yes. But he is not alone. There are thousands like him, in all parts of the country, inspired or directed by the foreign powers of Communism and Nazism. They proceed according to plan, moving with relentless precision."

An objective examination of the record, which includes a consideration of the time and background of each of Mr. Robinson's activities, completely negates any conclusion that he was moved at any time by any motive other than that of a patriotic American citizen endeavoring to assist worthwhile activities and the best interests of his country. Mr. Robinson would welcome an opportunity to further document the assertions made in the foregoing pages so that the biased charges of Red Channels be recognized for what they are.

In conclusion, Mr. Robinson declares directly and unequivocally that he is not now, nor has he ever been a fellow-traveler or a member of the Communist Party; that he has at no time espoused or believed in the doctrine of the Communist Party, which he detests and condemns; that he has at all times opposed every form of totalitarianism and employed his talents to stimulate -- among the millions of peoples he reached -- greater devotion to the democratic way of life; that he would assist and defend the United States of America in any way within his power against any enemy, including Russia, her supporters and satellites.

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Mr. ROBINSON. I should also like to leave, if you wish, for your own records, just what my contributions have been. These contributions are gotten out of my income tax returns, and to my knowledge I don't believe any items have been left out, deductible or non-deductible.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Robinson, I show you a photostatic document consisting of four pages, headed "Donations," covering the year 1939, and ask you if there are any contributions appearing in this document that you would like to comment upon?

Mr. ROBINSON. Well, I think an examination of my contributions in 1939--which I understand is the critical year for sort of exposing whether I had any communistic tendencies--would clearly indicate that no contributions were ever made to Russia, but, on the contrary, that contributions were made to the victims of the German-Russian Pact; and would show what my pattern had been, that I was interested in civic, cultural, national, and all decent causes that I think a good American would be for.

You will see that a party was given at my home for the victims of the German-Russian Pact, a Polish Relief party, for which I spent a great deal of money. Also, donations were made for *Finnish Relief Fund, Committee to Defend America, etc.* *E.P.R.*  
~~things concerned with aiding America and preparing us for this~~  
~~World War II~~  
~~war, as I understood, because I didn't go into the machinations.~~



At that time the Communists were calling Mr. Roosevelt  
~~aggressive~~ *a war monger*.

I don't know of anything else I might say except you  
 have looked at it and you could draw your own conclusions  
 from the contributions.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Robinson, as far as you know that is  
 the entire list of contributions that you made during the year  
 1939?

Mr. ROBINSON. Yes, sir, absolutely.

Mr. RUSSELL. That is, according to the best of your  
 recollection?

Mr. ROBINSON. To my best recollection they are the ones,  
 and no other contributions.

Mr. RUSSELL. I show you a list of contributions made by  
 you during the year 1940 and ask if you have any comment to  
 make regarding the contributions which appear thereon?

Mr. ROBINSON. I think they will again show that I was  
 even deeper in following that kind of a pattern, that my  
 contributions increased and they were all given to the Allies,  
~~to our side, and certainly not to anything that had to do with~~  
*or anybody that was pro Russians*  
~~Russia.~~

You find here contributions for Bundles for Britain, for  
 Finnish Relief, for China, for Red Cross. I think if you will  
 look over the full list you will again get an idea of just  
 what my pattern or my behavior was at that particular time.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Robinson, I show you a photostatic copy of donations made by you during the year 1941 and ask if you have any comment to make regarding any of the organizations that appear thereon?

Mr. ROBINSON. No. I will let that speak for itself.

Mr. RUSSELL. Would the same statement be applicable to the photostatic copies of donations made by you for the years 1942 through 1949?

Mr. ROBINSON. Yes, sir. I will let you draw your own conclusions. I think if you will look over the contributions that I have made in the last ten or eleven years you will find that they have been given to <sup>hundreds of</sup> ~~400 or 500 various~~ organizations in all fields of patriotic, cultural, educational, civic, help to the Allies, and what I considered were worthy causes. S.F.R.

Mr. RUSSELL. Would you care to make the photostatic copies of the donations made by you part of the record?

Mr. ROBINSON. Yes, I would, definitely, and I would like to have it clearly understood that these records are the complete records, to my knowledge, of all the contributions I have made in these last years, as reported to the Government of the United States, and if you wish you are free to examine my books, which are still available.

(The lists of donations above referred to are as follows:)

## DONATIONS

January, 1939

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12/16/38	Children's Village	
12/28/38	Esquire Theatre	\$25.00
12/28/38	Hebrew Sheltering Home for the Aged	10.00
12/29/38	B'nai Israel Old Age Home	20.00
1/3/39	Salvation Army Ice Carnival	10.00
12/30/38	Project Group of Pioneer Women	13.20
1/5/39	Beach Club	25.00
1/13/39	The Dominoes	2.00
12/30/38	Hollywood Temple Beth El	9.90
1/3/39	Tess Slesinger	25.00
12/30/38	Boys Town of Hollywood	7.50
1/23/39	Officials on Parade	20.00
1/13/39	Beth Jacob Sisterhood	10.00
1/16/39	Ass. Alumni College, City of N.Y.	10.00
		5.00

February, 1939

1/23/39	Juvenile Crime Prevention Bureau	
2/10/39	American Boys Club	20.00
2/17/39	Community Committee	25.00
2/24/39	Premier Exhibit of Still Photographers	20.00
		11.00

March, 1939

3/7/39	The Troupers, Inc.	
3/9/39	Party House (Chair rental, Philharmonic Tea)	5.00
3/7/39	Cardinal's Committee of the Laity	5.00
2/20/39	Sinai Temple Dinner Dance	25.00
2/25/39	Actors' Refugee Committee	15.00
2/24/39	L. A. Conference of Temple Brotherhood	60.00
2/27/39	Hollywood Guild	100.00
2/24/39	Mt. Sinai Hospital	50.00
2/17/39	Branch, L.A. Jewish Community Council	5.00
3/3/39	Hollywood Committee of 56	200.00
2/24/39	Nat'l Bureau for Blind Artists	100.00
2/24/39	S.C. Fidelity B'nai B'rith Aux. #162	5.00
3/7/39	Negro Pageant Movement	4.90
3/7/39	Community Synagogue	25.00
3/9/39	Best Drug Stores	25.00
3/7/39	Film Welfare League	10.00
2/20/39	Spanish Child Welfare Ass'n	22.00
		30.00

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April, 1939

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3/25/39	Hollywood Temple Beth-El	25.00
3/25/39	National Conference Jews & Christians	100.00
3/25/39	Lavelle School for Blind	20.00
4/5/39	So. Calif. Symphony Ass'n	200.00
4/5/39	The Relief Guild	60.00
4/5/39	L.A. Orthopaedic Foundation	25.00
3/30/39	The Refugee Fund	25.00
3/25/39	Nat'l Society Prevention Blindness	10.00
4/5/39	Sunday Evening Club	200.00
4/10/39	Musical Artists of America	11.00
4/5/39	American League for Peace & Democracy	4.00
4/15/39	Hollywood Guild	30.00
4/11/39	Palestine Orchestra Fund	100.00
4/11/39	Clear Pool Camp	14.00
4/11/39	Fund for Refugee Writers	100.00

May, 1939

4/19/39	L. E. Behmer (Refugee tickets)	10.00
4/25/39	Disabled American Vet, World War	5.00
4/21/39	John Howard Society	20.00
4/25/39	Helping Hand, L.A.	3.50
4/24/39	Edwin G. Merrill-Children's Aid Society	10.00
4/18/39	Hollywood Guild	1.50
4/6/39	I.U.O. Youth	1.20
5/2/39	Friends Huntington Library	10.00
4/27/39	Dr. Sherwood Eddy, Treas. Spanish Refugee Relief	25.00
5/11/39	Associate Alumni	15.00
5/8/39	Hollywood Anti-Nazi League	4.00
5/3/39	Spanish Children's Milk Fund	5.00
4/18/39	Hawthorne P.T.A.	5.00
5/12/39	Motion Picture Artists Committee	100.00
5/8/39	Hollywood Guild	4.40
5/6/39	Braille Radio News	10.00

June, 1939

5/24/39	Anti-Nazi League	50.00
5/31/39	Pacific Geographic Society	1.50
5/29/39	University Religious Conference	25.00
6/3/39	Helping Hand	10.00
6/13/39	Hollywood Guild	343.10
6/8/39	Blind Veterans Nat'l Chapter	10.00
6/9/39	Hollywood Wilshire Jewish Center	10.00
5/6/39	Holy Family High School	2.00
4/29/39	United Jewish Welfare Fund	5000.00

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June, 1939 (continued)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
6/20/39	Children's Home Society of Calif.	10.00
6/29/39	W. G. Bade	5.00

July, 1939

6/19/39	Miss Magory (telephone message for charity)	.88
6/14/39	James W. Donoghue, Treas., gift to City Coll. N.Y.	250.00
6/29/39	Boys Club of America	25.00
6/9/39	Occidental College	52.50
6/22/39	Max Taub	10.00
6/9/39	Hollywood Women's Club-charity fund	20.00
6/28/39	Salha Viertel	100.00
6/20/39	Nat'l Jewish Hospital, Denver	10.00
6/20/39	University Settlement	25.00
7/11/39	Hollywood Guild	25.00
7/8/39	Blind Veterans Nat'l Chapter	2.00
7/8/39	Soap Box Derby Director	7.50
7/6/39	Friends of German Freedom	25.00
7/15/39	Motion Picture Artists Committee	50.00
6/21/39	Sons of Israel	5.00

August, 1939

7/8/39	Catholic Big Brothers	100.00
7/6/39	League Crippled Children	2.00

September, 1939

9/7/39	Grace Episcopal Church	5.00
9/8/39	Jewish Home for Wayfarers	10.00
9/6/39	Father Flanagan's Boys Town	50.00
9/18/39	Morning Star Baptist Church	10.00
9/11/39	Athletic Ass'n, City College N.Y.	25.00
9/11/39	Foster Parents Plan for Spanish Children	15.00

October, 1939

9/6/39	Catholic Actors Guild of America	10.00
9/11/39	American Committee Jewish Palestine Participation	10.00
9/25/39	Santa Claus on Parade	10.00
10/2/39	University Religious Conference	10.00
10/2/39	Motion Picture Relief Fund	20.00
10/9/39	Committee to Aid Agricultural Organizations	200.00
10/10/39	Hollywood Guild	20.00
10/10/39	Party House - chairs for Polish Relief party	7.20

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October, 1939 (continued)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10/17/39	Hollywood Committee for Polish Relief	2.00
10/17/39	Hollywood " " " "	65.00
10/11/39	" " " "	132.00
10/19/39	" " " "	5.00
10/19/39	Allen Campbell - service, Polish Relief Party	10.00
10/19/39	Frank Hansen " " " "	18.00
10/19/39	Gregory Constance " " " "	5.00
10/19/39	H. Marcel " " " "	10.00
10/24/39	Mrs. Baurer	20.00
10/12/39	Vista Del Mar Associates	10.00
10/30/39	Municipal Motor Cycle Officers of Calif.	10.00
10/12/39	Junior Matrons Auxiliary Hebrew Day Nursery N.Y.	10.00

November, 1939

11/6/39	Westgate Florist, Polish Relief Party	16.10
11/6/39	Pittsimmons Stores " " "	42.40
11/6/39	Stern's Barbeque " " "	24.80
11/6/39	Lucile's, Flowers " " "	22.66
11/6/39	United Tent & Awning Co. " " "	41.20
11/6/39	Brown Derby Polish Relief Party	27.75
11/6/39	Gothan Delicatessen " " "	3.85
11/6/39	Gordon's Liquors " " "	45.95
11/6/39	F. W. Vincent, Liquors " " "	240.77
11/6/39	M. W. Wallace " " "	16.75
11/6/39	Party House " " "	12.00
11/6/39	Confiserie of Vienna " " "	11.60
11/6/39	Charlie's Meat Market " " "	9.02
11/6/39	Young's Market " " "	3.18
11/6/39	H. Balague " " "	3.00
11/9/39	Staff's Service Bureau " " "	5.00
11/14/39	The Helpers	20.00

December, 1939

11/22/39	Somerset House, liquor, Polish Relief Party	13.84
11/16/39	Huntington Park AZA	2.20
11/17/39	Jewish Braille Institute of America	50.00
12/7/39	One Third of a Nation	100.00
12/4/39	L.A. Community Chest	1500.00
12/4/39	Masquers Christmas Fund	5.00
12/4/39	Combined Christmas Seal Fund	15.00
12/7/39	Hollywood Guild	11.84

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December, 1939 (continued)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12/6/39	J. J. Newberry Co. Dolls for one-third of a Nation	23.18
11/30/39	Council vs. Intolerance in America	5.00
12/9/39	Orthopaedic Hospital	25.00
12/12/39	Assistance League of So. California	10.00
12/4/39	Children's Village at Dobbs Ferry on Hudson	25.00
12/19/39	Opportunity Exchange - Refugee Fund	61.39
12/19/39	Philharmonic Auditorium, tickets for Finnish Relief	10.00
12/22/39	Opportunity Exchange - Refugee Fund	18.51
12/22/39	Hollywood Guild	50.00
12/20/39	Salvation Army	25.00
12/12/39	Sisters of Nazareth	25.00
12/24/39	Indis Hotel - trip to Brawley for One-third of Nat'n	21.00
12/21/39	Christmas Party, One-third of Nation	25.00
12/27/39	Hollywood Guild	3.00

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12-20-39	Bnais Israel Old Age Home.	5.00
1-5-40-	Hollywood Guild	2.00
12-28-39	Boys Athletic League	20.00
12-28-39	Finnish Relief Fund	50.00
1-5-40	Motion Picture Still Photographers	12.00
1-9-40	Jewish Home for Wayfare	10.00
1-9-40	Beach Club	2.00
1-8-40	Helping Hand	5.00
1-15-40	N. T. Guild for Jewish Blind	10.00
12-12-39	Ladies Auxiliary Bnai Brith	1.00
2-19-40	Jewish Associates	1.00
3-19-40	Community Synagogue	25.00
2-13-40	12th Night Club	40.00
2-19-40	Tailwagger Guide Dog School	25.00
2-19-40	Nat'l Bureau for Blind Artists	20.00
2-26-40	University Religious Conference	50.00
2-26-40	So. Calif Symphony Assn.	250.00
3-7-40	Nat'l Conference - Christian & Jews	100.00
3-19-40	Veterans of Foreign Wars	20.00
3-18-40	The College of Paterson	25.00
3-19-40	Catholic Actor's Guild	25.00
4-4-40	R. A. Maiman	6.00
4-1-40	The Lambs	1.00
4-6-40	Mr. Schwager-Contribution	50.00
4-29-40	Friends of Music	10.00
4-16-40	Clear Pool Camp	14.00
4-11-40	Cebu Christian Center Church	10.00
5-1-40	United Jewish Welfare Fund	3,000.00
4-26-40	Nat'l Anti Syphilis Committee	50.00
4-29-40	The Helping Hand	5.00
5-2-40	Sirovich Portrait Fund	25.00
5-2-40	United Prison Assn. of Mass	10.00
5-16-40	Hollywood Guild	6.54
5-9-40	Children Aid Society	10.00
5-2-40	Lavelle School for Blind	10.00
5-8-40	Boys Club for San Antonio	10.00
5-16-40	Vocational Service for Juniors	25.00
5-9-40	Nat'l Society Prevention of Blindness	10.00
5-20-40	The Troupers Inc.	10.00
5-11-40	Clovernook Home for Blind	10.00
5-10-40	Nat'l Assn. for Blind Artists	5.00
5-27-40	Hollywood Guild	150.00
6-1-40	Nat'l Jewish Hospital	10.00
6-4-40	Police Officers Assn. of Calif.	4.00
6-6-40	British War Relief	10.00
6-8-40	Red Cross	20.00



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6-1-40	Sam L. Warners Square Club	5.00
5-28-40	American Red Cross	200.00
6-6-40	Red Cross	3.00
6-19-40	Hollywood Guild	10.00
6-27-40	Pacific School for Workers	60.00
6-10-40	University Settlement	25.00
6-5-40	American Red Cross	25.00
6-12-40	Spanish Refugee Relief	25.00
6-10-40	American Comm for Jewish Palestine	50.00
6-12-40	Boys Athletic League	14.00
7-11-40	Hillcrest Country Club-Cakes for Red Cross Party	10.30
7-8-40	Red Cross Concert	25.00
7-22-40	Western Costume Co. Red Cross Party	7.00
7-22-40	LaMode Cleaners " " "	13.50
7-11-40	Youth of America - Inc.	100.00
7-21-40	Jewish Orphans Vacation Fund	1.50
6-18-40	British War Relief Assn.	4.00
6-17-40	Hollywood Guild	34.00
6-24-40	" "	400.00
6-5-40	Society - Benefit Russian American Actors	
	Mutual Aid	10.00
6-21-40	Eastside Free Kitchen Center	5.00
7-1-40	Assistance League of So. Calif.	10.00
7-2-40	Marie Layton	8.00
7-2-40	G R. Marple - Charity Party	4.00
7-10-40	Calif Safety Council	10.00
7-8-40	British War Relief Assn.	2.00
7-6-40	Wm. Hanks - Red Cross Acct.	5.00
7-10-40	" " " " "	5.00
7-3-40	" " " " "	25.00
7-8-40	" " " " "	10.00
7-10-40	H. Marcel " " Party	13.00
7-10-40	Carl Ekbery " " "	10.00
7-1-40	United Jewish Welfare Fund	200.00
7-24-40	Hollywood Guild	25.00
7-23-40	Hollywood Studio Club	10.00
7-17-40	Boys Clubs of America	25.00
6-20-40	Mrs. James L. Stack	20.00
7-19-40	Hollywood Guild	12.00
6-1-40	Motion Picture Committee American Red Cross	200.00
7-29-40	Rama Boynet - Phillipp Fund	100.00
6-14-40	1st. Congregational Church of L. A.	100.00
6-19-40	Vista Del Mar Associates	20.00
6-26-40	The Dominos	3.16
8-26-40	Youth Aliyah Committee	12.00
9-12-40	Committee to Defend America	100.00
9-20-40	City College N.Y.	20.00

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9-18-40	Emergency Rescue Committee	300.00
9-27-40	Roumanian High Commission	36.00
9-24-40	Irish Industries Depot	17.44
9-24-40	" " "	89.00
10-4-40	Industrial Center for Aged	20.00
10-7-40	China Aid Council	30.00
10-4-40	Jewish Consumptives Relief Society	20.00
10-4-40	East Side Free Kitchen	25.00
10-10-40	British & American Ambulance Corp.	10.00
10-4-40	Bnai Israel Old Age Home	20.00
10-10-40	Bundles for Britain	10.00
10-15-40	National Art Week	100.00
10-15-40	British Actors Orphanage Fund	4.40
10-23-40	Industrial Center for Aged	5.00
11-1-40	Bundles for Britain	10.00
9-20-40	So. Calif Symphony Assn.	250.00
11-4-40	Junior League	8.00
11-11-40	Vista Del Mar Assn.	1.00
11-11-40	L. A. Community Chest	800.00
11-8-40	Negro Actors Guild of America	20.00
10-15-40	League for Crippled Children	1.00
11-8-40	Community Chest of L.A.	200.00
10-11-40	Southwood Fund for G & Ormond St. Hospital	100.00
11-12-40	Jewish Braille Inst.	50.00
11-26-40	Russell Moebins - Delivery Dolls for Migratory Workers	12.27
11-28-40	So. Calif Freight Lines Linens for Migratory Workers	71.32
11-21-40	Boys Athletic League	14.00
11-26-40	Committee of Writers in Exile	500.00
11-26-40	M.C. Levee Treasurer Western Exile	80.00
11-19-40	Children Aid Society	25.00
11-19-40	American Library Assn.	25.00
11-28-40	Tailwaggers Inst.	20.00
11-28-40	Comb. Xmas Seal Fund	15.00
11-29-40	Stage Radio Screen Guild	10.00
11-28-40	Municipal Motorcycle Officers of Calif.	10.00
12-3-40	Material for dolls for Migrant Workers	13.05
11-28-40	Star Spangled Ball Headquarters	10.00
12-6-40	Migrant Xmas Party	72.53
12-9-40	" " "	244.57
12-9-40	" " "	14.17
11-23-40	Artist Fellowship Inc.	10.00
12-16-40	Russell Moebing-Express for Dolls Migrant Workers	2.69
12-6-40	Comm. to Defend America	100.00

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12-17-40	The Salvation Army	25.00
12-19-40	China Relief Comm.	50.00
12-16-40	Associated Blind Inc.	10.00
12-11-40	War Fund of New South Wales	100.00
12-13-40	Checho Slovakia Defense Fund	4.00

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1-7-41	Nat'l Assn. of Day Nurseries	25.00
1-7-41	Nat'l Health Circle for Colored People	20.00
1-14-41	Friends of Huntington Library	10.00
1-14-41	Free Recreation Center-Jacob David Assn.	20.00
1-14-41	N.Y. Guild for Jewish Blind	10.00
1-17-41	Air Raid Distress Fund	20.00
2-21-41	Americanism Educational League	50.00
2-21-41	Permant Charties Committee of Motion Picture Ind.	500.00
2-24-41	Greek War Relief	10.00
2-24-41	Refugees Fund-Kurt Valentine	50.00
2-18-41	Nat'l Bureau Blind Artists	25.00
2-18-41	Nat'l Jewish Hospital	10.00
3-6-41	Community Synagogue	25.00
3-13-41	Fed. of Jewish Welfare Organizations	10.00
3-11-41	Father Flanagan's Boys Home	25.00
2-27-41	Rev. Solomon Schoenkopf Plattsburg Camp	20.00
3-13-41	Nat'l Conference of Christians Jews.	100.00
3-11-41	Occidental College	100.00
3-18-41	Motion Picture Relief Fund	1600.00
3-11-41	Jewish Center Assn.	1.00
3-26-41	Hollywood Temple Beth - El	25.00
3-26-41	Jackson Day Committee	50.00
3-7-41	Society Prevention Cruelty to Animals	20.00
3-25-41	Universally Religious Conference	100.00
4-10-41	Society for Jewish Culture	4.00
4-10-41	Public's Appreciation Campaign Fund	10.00
4-10-41	Children's Aid Society	10.00
4-18-41	The Dominics	2.20
4-9-41	Townsend Harris Alumni	25.00
4-16-41	The Helping Hand	5.00
4-9-41	Amer. Social Hygiene Assn.	25.00
4-16-41	St. Philip High School Scholarship Benefit.	5.00
4-10-41	British War Relief Society Inc.	20.00
4-26-41	Bundles for Britain Inc.	195.00
4-15-41	The Prison Assn. of Calif.	10.00
4-15-41	Sisters of St. Dominic.	1.00
4-7-41	Friends of Music	10.00
4-23-41	So. Calif. Symphony Assn.	50.00
4-28-41	The Hollywood Guild	80.00
4-17-41	The Helping Hand	5.00
5-5-41	American Educational League	60.00
4-30-41	Boys Athletic	14.00
4-28-41	Hebrew Day Nursery	10.00
5-5-41	All Nations Foundation	1.00

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5-12-41	Mrs. Henry Blanke - For Orchestra	
5-5-41	Chicago Urban League	25.00
5-8-41	Artists & Writers Kitchen	25.00
5-5-41	American Field Service Eagle Club	25.00
5-11-41	United Jewish Welfare Fund	5.00
5-17-41	Herbert Tenzer	3000.00
5-21-41	Assistance League of So. Calif.	25.00
5-22-41	Herbert Anderson Treasurer Beachwood Studio	50.00
5-17-41	Catholic Actors Guild	5.00
5-27-41	Pasadena Art Museum	50.00
4-12-41	Chinese Woman's Relief of Assn of N. Y.	10.00
6-5-41	Calif. Safety Council Inc.	20.00
5-27-41	University Settlement	10.00
6-5-41	Lord Mayor of Manchester Fund	100.00
6-9-41	Hollywood Studio Club	10.00
5-26-41	Youth Aliyah Comm.	25.00
6-5-41	St. Anna Catholic Church of Santa Anna	20.00
6-5-41	Calif. Folklore Society	10.00
4-9-41	Milton Berry Foundation	4.00
6-9-41	United Service Organization of Nat'l Defense	25.00
7-1-41	Assistance League of So. Calif.	250.00
7-10-41	Hollywood Guild	5.00
6-11-41	Jewish Center Assn.	25.00
7-21-41	So. Calif. Symphony Assn.	4.00
7-21-41	Bundles for Britain	250.00
6-23-41	Hospitality Comm. - Hollywood Bowl	20.00
8-4-41	Hollywood Guild	5.00
8-12-41	L. A. Art. Assn.	20.00
8-13-41	British War Relief	10.00
8-4-41	So. Calif. Junior Symphony Assn.	50.00
7-26-41	Hollywood Guild	10.00
8-27-41	Tail Wagger Foundation	10.00
9-24-41	Woman's Div. Democratic State Comm.	10.00
9-29-41	United Prison Assn.	25.00
10-10-41	Citizens Housing Council	10.00
10-10-41	The Helping Hand	2.00
10-10-41	Bnai Israel Old Age Home	5.00
10-19-41	Palestine Lighthouse	5.00
10-10-41	Hollywood Guild	2.00
11-12-41	Joint Refugee Dinner	10.00
11-13-41	Motorcycle Officers of Calif.	20.00
11-14-41	Russian War Relief Tickets	11.00
10-23-41	Hollywood Guild	30.00
11-24-41	Russian War Relief	1.00
		11.00

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11-22-41	Museum of Modern Art	25.00
11-19-41	Jacob David Assn.	10.00
12-4-41	Burbank Fund	25.00
11-24-41	L. A. Nat'l Art. Week	50.00
11-24-41	College City of N.Y.	35.25
11-18-41	Thanksgiving for Soldiers - Dinner	5.00
12-11-41	Masquers - Mass Fund	5.00
12-11-41	L. A. Community Chest	1000.00
12-11-41	Hillcrest Country Club	5.00
12-15-41	Womens Committee - Philharmonic Orch.	5.00

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12-23-41	Boxes for Soldiers - Mrs. Milton Ginsberg	\$ 5.00
1-12-42	Viata Del Mar. Assn.	1.00
1-26-42	American Women's Voluntary Services	1.35
1-14-42	Jr. Aux. Jewish Home for Aged	25.00
1-28-42	Exiled Writer Committee	10.00
1-27-42	War Service Inc.	5.00
2-5-42	So. Calif. Symphony Assn.	250.00
2-5-42	American Library Assn.	25.00
2-5-42	N. Y. Guild for Jewish Blind	10.00
2-5-42	Occidental College	200.00
1-26-42	Red Cross L. A. Chapter	250.00
3-9-42	Russian War Relief Express Chgrs.	34.54
3-16-42	China " " " "	88.51
3-17-42	American Women's Voluntary Service	11.00
3-9-42	Friends of German Freedom	25.00
3-10-42	Friends of Huntington Library	10.00
3-23-42	Russian War Relief	100.00
3-23-42	U.S.O. Expense	46.10
4-1-42	St. Francis Hotel U.S.O. Expense	25.57
4-1-42	S. P. R.R. Co. U.S.O. "	13.18
4-6-42	Tailwagger Foundation	10.00
4-13-42	Mayflower Hotel U.S.O.	16.45
4-15-42	L. A. Orthopaedic Foundation	10.00
4-13-42	Mayflower Hotel U.S.O.	4.12
4-13-42	Harry Ruby U.S.O.	8.00
4-15-42	Marie A. Dodge U.S.O.	7.55
4-4-42	Nat'l Children's Cardiac House	26.00
3-23-42	L. A. County Museum	50.00
4-21-42	Wm. T. Almond Serv. U.S.O. Dinner	8.00
4-27-42	Mrs. John Daniell - U.S.O. Dinner	148.50
4-25-42	Santa Fe. U.S.O. Travel Expense	5.29
4-21-42	Murray P. Arria U.S.O.	10.00
4-30-42	Bekins Van & Storage - Ship Pictures China Relief	22.25
4-28-42	Marguerite Harrison U.S.O. Expense	4.10
5-1-42	So. Pac. R.R. U.S.O. Expense	88.01
4-28-42	Helping Hand of L. A.	10.00
5-5-42	Ksther Arthur U.S.O. Expense	10.50
5-7-42	Podesta & Baldocchi U.S.O. Expense	10.30
5-8-42	Hotel St. Francis U.S.O. Expense	6.41
5-1-42	J. C. Stearman U.S.O. "	6.00
5-1-42	U.S.O. For travel expense	260.17
5-16-42	Russell Moebins Shipment re-China Relief	11.09
5-16-42	Henrietta Martin Sec. Work U.S.O.	3.75
5-14-42	Eucalyptus Wood Co. Charcoal U.S.O. Dinner	4.33
5-18-42	Hollywood Guild Nursery	15.96
5-21-42	So. Pac. R.R. U.S.O. Expense	5.51

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5-21-42	So. Pac. R.R. U.S.O. Expense	24.98
5-12-42	B'nai Brith	10.00
5-24-42	Hotel Del Monte U.S.O. Expense	8.77
5-26-42	Hotel El Encanto U.S.O. "	10.15
5-22-42	Russian War Relief	10.00
5-25-42	Nat'l. Assn. for Advancement of Colored people	25.00
5-20-42	U.S.O.	300.00
5-28-42	Navy Relief Ball	38.00
5-21-42	Queen Boardman - Cancer Control Drive	3.10
5-28-42	B'nai Brith	1.00
5-9-42	Russell Moebius - China Relief	17.03
6-5-42	City College of N. Y.	25.00
6-10-42	Cailliet Pharmacy - U.S.O. Expense	17.50
6-11-42	So. Calif. Symphony Assn.	52.00
6-10-42	Children Aid Society	10.00
6-9-42	Nat'l Jewish Society	15.00
6-17-42	United Jewish Welfare Fund	200.00
6-15-42	U.S.O.	30.00
6-16-42	Peter Pan Lodge U.S.O. Expense	14.00
6-15-42	S. P. R. R. " " "	98.86
6-9-42	Sontaga " " "	6.62
5-26-42	Hotel St. Francis U.S.O. Expense	151.35
6-16-42	Amer. Flying Service Foundation	5.00
7-3-42	Murry P. Arrie - Butler - U S O Party	9.40
7-6-42	Hollywood Studio Club	10.00
7-3-42	Lena Pool-Service- U.S.O.	5.00
7-14-42	Assistance League	5.00
7-18-42	Russian War Relief	10.00
7-24-42	Thomas The Sign Man U S O Expense	12.67
7-10-42	Hotel St. Francis U.S.O. Expense	19.54
7-10-42	Len Weisman " " " "	8.06
6-30-42	M. Mack U S O Expense	10.01
6-30-42	Harry F. Slater U S O Expense	54.71
7-26-42	U.S.O. Expense	30.00
7-15-42	Desert Garden Date Shop U S O Expense	27.00
7-29-42	Rabbi Mayer Winkler for Jewish Church	25.00
7-31-42	Otto K. Olson U S O Expense	4.64
7-14-42	Jewish Consumptive's Relief Soc.	20.00
6-29-42	Katherine Nolans U S O Expense	30.00
8-5-42	Santa Fe. U S O Expense	427.31
7-7-42	Free French Relief	6.25
8-4-42	Murray P. Arrie Butler U S O Party	9.50
8-11-42	U.S.O. Expense N. Y. Trip	200.00
8-11-42	Santa Fe. R.R. U S O	15.75
8-10-42	W. J. Sloane for U S O Office	62.08



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7-6-42	12th Nite Lub	5.00
8-10-42	Film Fan Foto Co Photo for U S O	2.75
8-11-42	Hollywood Guild	5.00
8-20-42	Cash U. S. O. N. Y. Trip	75.00
8-15-42	Hotel Brighton U S O Trip	19.50
8-27-42	Hotel Barclay U S O Trip	75.00
8-27-42	Cash U S O Expense	50.00
8-20-42	N. Y. Central R.R. U S O Trip	132.75
9-3-42	The Patio Shop For U S O Headquarters	92.50
8-28-42	United Jewish Welfare Fund	2000.00
8-28-42	Permanent Charities Committee	500.00
8-28-42	The Barclay Hotel Bill U.S.O. Trip	364.40
8-22-42	San Quentin Athletic Assn.	25.00
9-10-42	Tail Waggers	1.00
8-10-42	Symphony Orchestra	10.00
9-15-42	Cash U S O Expense	157.75
9-1-42	Sarah Delano Roosevelt Memorial	50.00
9-17-42	El Cortez Hotel U.S.O. Expense	6.00
9-10-42	Marshall Field Co U S O Gifts.	93.50
9-22-42	So. Pacific R.R. U. S. O. Expense	56.34
9-14-42	Palestine Lighthouse	2.00
9-22-42	Hollywood Guild	2.00
9-22-42	Hollywood Canteen	100.00
10-1-42	Motion Picture Relief Fund-Endowment	1500.00
9-30-42	Women's Emergency Corps	5.00
10-6-42	Cash U S O Expense	30.00
10-9-42	Bank of America Purchase Letter of Credit OWI Trip	5012.50
10-8-42	Bon Voyage Bazaar Luggage - English Trip O W I	96.31
10-9-42	Mrs. Lon Anger	20.00
10-5-42	Womans Club of Coachella Valley U S O Expense	4.50
10-8-42	Bon Voyage Bazaar Luggage O W I Trip	4.54
10-14-42	Hotel Raleigh O W I Trip	35.50
10-14-42	Society for Jewish Culture	25.00
10-16-42	Helping Hand	5.00
10-20-42	Lone Pine Hotel U S O Expense	44.73
10-17-42	Hotel Pierre O W I Trip	71.62
10-14-42	The Lambs	1.00
11-4-42	Cash U.S.O. Expense	50.00
10-14-42	Museum of Modern Art.	25.00
11-10-42	I. Magnin Co. Gifts for U S O	11.28
11-14-42	Hollywood Guild	5.00

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11-14-42	Hotel Pierre O W I Trip	100.00
11-23-42	Medical Aid to Russia	1.00
11-25-42	L. A. Community Chest	500.00
11-23-42	Hotel Pierre O W I Trip	9.73
12-10-42	Masquers	5.00
11-17-42	U S O Nat'l Woman's Comm.	100.00
12-10-42	Hillcrest Country Club	5.55
12-10-42	Selma Stein Contribution Studio Xmas Fund	25.00
12-22-42	Dorothy Jones U S O Sec.	20.00
12-10-42	Hotel Pierre O W I Trip	33.32
12-30-42	Bank Debit Valet Services in London	23.75

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12-16-42	Colored Orphan Asylum	\$ 25.00
12-22-42	Mary Pickford	5.00
1-10-43	Heaven Club	2.00
1-18-43	Parisian Florists U. S. O. Expense	58.72
1-10-43	L A Lodge #484 B'nai B'rith	3.75
1-18-43	O W I Trip - Warner Bros	110.25
1-10-43	Nat'l Society for Prevention Blindness	10.00
1-8-43	Women's Committee - Philharmonic Orch.	5.00
1-15-43	Amer. Ukrainian Lodge of I W O	10.00
1-25-43	N. Y. Guild for Jewish Blind	10.00
2-1-43	Artists Fellowship (Relief Fund)	10.00
2-14-43	So. Calif. Symphony Assn. Contribution	100.00
3-15-43	Hollywood Guild	4.00
3-25-43	Biltmore Hotel Entertain U S O	12.40
3-24-43	Jack Warner - Contribution Notre Dame Univ.	100.00
3-30-43	Tailwaggers Inst.	5.00
3-20-43	Nat'l Jewish Hospital of Denver	15.00
3-25-43	Citizens Welcoming Comm.	20.00
3-30-43	Youth Aliyah - L. A. Chapter of Hadassah	450.00
4-17-43	American Comm. Protection of Foreign Born	100.00
4-26-43	Hollywood Guild	2.50
4-22-43	Crippled Children Soc. of L. A.	25.00
4-22-43	Permanent Charities Comm. for Red Cross	250.00
5-22-43	Vista Del Mar Assn.	1.00
5-22-43	Hollywood Guild	25.00
5-12-43	Mc. Holyoke College	25.00
6-12-43	United Jewish Welfare Fund	250.00
6-12-43	" " " "	1000.00
6-17-43	Russian War Relief	11.50
7-9-43	We Will Never Die - Committee	41.00
7-10-43	Occidental College	20.00
7-16-43	Colored Orphan Asylum	25.00
7-9-43	Chinese Womens Assn.	1.60
7-9-43	Geo Washington Center Foundation	10.00
8-10-43	University Religious Conference	100.00
9-1-43	Desert Battalion Party Expense	325.75
9-13-43	" " " "	50.00
9-9-43	Frances Bannano - U S O Expense	27.50
9-13-43	Tailwaggers	1.00
9-13-43	Nat'l Council American Soviet Friendship	100.00
9-13-43	Jewish Amer. Sec. - International Workers	50.00
9-19-43	Rancho Yucca Loma - U S O - Desert Battalion	200.00
9-20-43	Jewish Home for Aged	25.00

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9-22-43	T W A Airlines - U S O - Desert Battalion	149.49
9-20-43	Arden Farms " " Party	5.40
9-13-43	San Quentin Athletic Assn.	25.00
9-13-43	Calif. Junior Symphony Assn.	10.00
10-8-43	Lydia Stolder - Sec. Service Desert Battalion	5.00
10-12-43	Community Synagogue	25.00
10-12-43	Last Frontier Hotel Las Vegas Desert Batt. Trip	119.55
10-8-43	" " " " " " " " " " " "	11.06
10-12-43	Helping Hand	5.00
10-14-43	Penn. Central Airlines - Desert Batt. Trip	131.78
10-12-43	Beach Club	1.00
10-12-43	Childrens Aid Society	25.00
10-25-43	Nancy Deaton - Sec. Desert Battalion	10.00
10-12-43	Fed. Council Churches	25.00
10-23-43	Boys Club of Hollywood	10.00
10-27-43	Arthur Murray Studio - Desert Battalion	200.00
10-25-43	Municipal Motorcycle Officers of Calif.	10.00
10-12-43	Authors Fund of European Film Funds	100.00
10-25-43	Felix Wildenstein Co - Desert Battalion	20.00
10-11-43	Women's Comp. - L A Philharmonic Orch.	5.00
10-12-43	Nat'l Conference of Christian's & Jews Inc.	50.00
10-25-43	Palestine Lighthouse	5.00
10-23-43	Hotel Pierre - Expense D. B. Trip	568.82
10-15-43	Stage Door Cantata	100.00
10-23-43	Jewish Braille Inst.	15.00
11-8-43	Helle McClure Sec. D.B.	15.00
10-23-43	Museum of Modern Art.	25.00
10-23-43	Eddie Parks - Service - Desert Battalion	100.00
10-23-43	James LeRoy " " "	33.00
11-4-43	British War Relief Society	50.00
11-4-43	East & West Assn.	25.00
11-4-43	Shoreham Hotel & Mayflower Hotel - Desert Battalion	459.64
11-4-43	Emergency Com. to Save Jewish People	50.00
11-4-43	Boys Athletic League	10.00
11-4-43	Lydia Stadler Sec. Desert Battalion	6.00
11-4-43	United Prison Assn. of Mass.	10.00
11-4-43	Colored Orphan Asylum	25.00
11-23-43	Gifts and Service - Desert Battalion	125.34
11-16-43	Home of the Aged	20.00
11-10-43	Museum of Costume Art.	10.00
12-1-43	Belts for Desert Battalion	175.00
11-6-43	12th nite Club	5.00

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12-8-43	Volunteer Army Canteen Service	11.00
12-8-43	Emergency Comm. to Save Jewish People in Europe	250.00
11-23-43	Artists Fellowship	100.00
12-7-43	Greta Karplem Gifts for Desert Battalion	100.00
11-10-43	Artists Fellowship	10.00
12-10-43	Services and Gifts for Desert Battalion	134.24
12-10-43	Masquers	6.00
12-8-43	Services for Desert Battalion	29.16
12-16-43	Permanent Charities Comm. War Chest	2500.00
11-8-43	Eyes for Heroes Foundation	25.00
12-16-43	United Jewish Welfare Fund	1500.00
12-28-43	Florence Crittenton Home	25.00
12-28-43	Jewish Home for Aged	50.00
12-16-43	Gift and Services for Desert Battalion	680.41
12-10-43	" " " " " "	98.67
12-10-43	Bonwit Teller - Model for D. B. Uniforms	488.66
12-16-43	Assistance League of So. Calif.	25.00
12-6-43	Black Foxe-Institute for Children Hosp.	5.00
12-10-43	Permanent Charities Comm. War Chest	2500.00
12-10-43	Hotel Pierre - D.B. Trip	1023.32
12-28-43	Masquers Service Mens Morale Corps	1050.00

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11-23-43	Habbi E. Adler	\$50.00
1-3-44	Cash Desert Battalion	25.00
12-16-43	University Settlement	100.00
12-30-43	Carl Eckberg Desert Battalion	15.00
1-1-44	Las Cruces Store " "	5.10
12-30-43	Ray Olson " "	6.50
1-4-44	Danish Refugee Fund	50.00
1-4-44	Vista Del Mar Assn.	1.00
1-14-44	Brodetsky Ensemble	10.00
1-14-44	Hollywood Studio Club	25.00
1-12-44	Desert Battalion	30.87
1-25-44	Gifts - Deserts Battalion	218.25
1-25-44	Collage City of N. Y.	10.00
1-12-44	Nat'l Health Circle for Colored People	50.00
1-28-44	Service - Desert Battalion	17.76
1-21-44	" " "	30.00
2-1-44	Brown Derby Desert Battalion	30.00
1-22-44	Infantile Paralysis Fund	100.00
1-20-44	American Comm. for Protection of Foreign Born	10.00
1-31-44	Eddie Cantor Camp Committee	50.00
2-7-44	Desert Battalion	8.75
2-11-44	Santa Fe. N. H. Treasury War Bond Trip	233.82
2-14-44	Fred Harvey for Desert Battalion	33.15
2-18-44	Pierre Hotel Desert Battalion	115.00
2-16-44	Upton Service Comm.	28.00
2-19-44	Taft Hotel Del Mar. Assn.	25.00
2-15-44	N. Y. Guild for Jewish Blind	10.00
3-8-44	Larry Aldrich Desert Battalion	47.50
3-8-44	F P Ross " "	25.25
2-16-44	Clinton Prison Relief Fund	25.00
2-15-44	So. Calif. Symphony Assn.	250.00
2-22-44	Associated Blind Inc.	25.00
2-28-44	67th St. Florist for Desert Battalion	17.68
3-8-44	Hollywood Temple Bath El.	25.00
2-15-44	Disabled American Veterans	1.00
3-6-44	Harry Prechtel Co. for Desert Battalion	217.35
3-13-44	V A A C. S.	11.00
3-18-44	Amer. Friends of Hebrew University	5.00
3-24-44	Harry Maylish for desert Battalion	15.00
3-13-44	Nat'l. Society Prevention Blindness	10.00
3-20-44	Beverly Hills Y M C A	100.00
4-7-44	Guide Dog Foundation	25.00
4-5-44	L. A. County Museum of Art.	50.00
4-5-44	Nat'l Comm. to Combat Anti Semitism Inc.	50.00

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4-12-44	Children Aids	10.00
4-12-44	Hotel Pierre Desert Battalion Trip	809.84
4-18-44	Jack & Chas. For Desert Batt.	22.56
5-1-44	Bnai B'rith Aux.	10.00
5-10-44	Naval Aid Aux.	20.00
5-1-44	Occidental College	200.00
5-4-44	Helping Hand	5.00
5-25-44	Hollywood Guild Canteen	10.00
5-19-44	Gertrude Pullman - Navy Recruiting Party	65.50
6-23-47	Torrence Hospital Fund	50.00
5-19-44	Lloyd Conduff Navy Recruiting Party	10.00
5-18-44	Riverdale Children Assn.	25.00
5-1-44	Desert Battalion Inc.	3.75
6-5-44	Brown Derby Desert Batt.	62.71
6-2-44	United Jewish Welfare Fund	3000.00
6-15-44	Letter of Credit War Trip to England	1050.00
6-16-44	Desert Battalion Inc.	1000.00
6-20-44	" " "	
7-4-44	" " "	422.14
6-29-44	Girls Vacation Fund	10.00
7-14-44	Union Pacific R.R. Desert Batt. Trip	214.99
6-26-44	L A Police Relief Assn.	12.50
7-14-44	Desert Battalion	25.20
7-12-44	Boys Club of America	25.00
8-6-44	Hotel California Desert Batt.	8.36
8-12-44	Anderson Hotel (Desert Batt.	7.05
8-3-44	National Save-A Life League	10.00
8-11-44	Freeman Lodge Desert Batt. Trip	36.90
8-12-44	" " " " "	8.50
8-3-44	Madison Sq. Boys Club	14.00
8-1-44	Nat'l Assn. for Blind Artists	500.00
8-21-44	Hotel Pierre - Over seas trip	100.00
8-20-44	British Overseas Airways Corp.	20.00
8-17-44	Museum Patrons Assn. L A County Museum	25.00
8-24-44	Trans. Air Overseas Trip	22.86
8-24-44	Hotel Pierre	100.00
8-17-44	So. Calif. Symphony Assn.	30.00
9-1-44	University Religious Conference	100.00
9-1-44	Hollywood Studio Club	25.00
9-12-44	Brown Derby for desert Batt.	21.96
9-11-44	Chicago Urban League	50.00
9-11-44	Hotel Pierre - Overseas Trip	182.32
9-22-44	Communication Corps. Contribution Torrey Hospi- tal	350.00

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8-17-44	Calif. Junior Symphony Assn.	10.00
8-18-44	Winged Victory	40.00
8-18-44	Desert Battalion	251.71
8-18-44	" "	1180.33
10-10-44	Woman's Coma.	5.00
10-10-44	Desert Battalion	82.75
10-10-44	Children Aid Society	25.00
10-19-44	War Chest	20.00
10-10-44	Catholic Actor's Guild	10.00
9-11-44	Tailwaggers	1.00
10-11-44	Desert Battalion	628.69
11-22-44	Los Angeles County Museum	250.00
10-10-44	Museum of Modern Art	25.00
10-23-44	Negro Actors Guild of America	20.00
10-10-44	Helping Hand	5.00
10-10-44	Elizabeth Kenny Ins.	25.00
12-4-44	Desert Battalion	769.20
11-28-44	Isor. City Coma.	50.00
11-28-44	Artist's Fellowship Inc.	100.00
12-9-44	Masquers	5.00
12-9-44	The Lambs	10.00
12-9-44	Jewish Brille Inst. of America	15.00
12-29-44	Permanent Charities Coma 1944 War Chest	3500.00
12-27-44	Occidental College	200.00
12-27-44	Jr. Aux. Jewish Home for aged	50.00



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12-30-44	Hollywood Guild Canteen	\$250.00
12-27-44	Brook & Co for Desert Batt.	26.60
1-6-45	Union Pacific	327.98
1-13-45	Beach Club	3.00
1-15-45	Vista Del Mar Assoc.	1.00
12-30-44	Desert Batt.	29.91
12-20-44	Florence Crittenden Home	5.00
1-4-45	Desert Batt.	19.00
1-2-45	Salute to Wounded Chaplain's Fund	1000.00
1-13-45	Desert Batt.	98.93
1-25-45	Eastern Air Line War Trip	184.85
2-1-45	Pan American Airway War Trip	82.80
2-3-45	Money Plaza Hotel	585.93
1-15-45	South West Museum	25.00
2-11-45	Mayflower Hotel - War Trip	678.15
1-24-45	Desert Batt.	40.00
2-6-45	Nat'l Foundation Infantile Paralysis	100.00
2-26-45	Desert Batt.	394.72
2-23-45	War Radio Trip	75.00
2-26-45	" " "	75.00
3-12-45	Madie Cantor Camp Comm.	50.00
3-7-45	Desert Batt.	393.60
3-19-45	Army Hospital Trip	11.90
3-8-45	Permanent Charities Comm. Red Cross	500.00
3-23-45	Desert Batt.	113.10
3-7-45	So. Calif Symphony Assn.	250.00
3-1-45	Desert Batt. Services	502.95
2-16-45	War & Radio Trip	34.00
4-10-45	Desert Batt.	15.75
4-11-45	" " "	40.06
4-11-45	L. A. Art. Assn.	10.00
4-24-45	Contribution	101.00
4-2-45	Cash for Desert Battalion	1500.00
4-9-45	" " " "	412.02
5-14-45	Desert Battalion	269.03
5-14-45	Helping Hand	10.00
6-16-45	Nat'l Comm. to Combat Anti-Semitism	25.00
4-20-45	Desert Batt. Expense	262.30
5-21-45	Mountain Home Officers Mess	200.00
5-14-45	United Jewish Welfare Fund Cont.	5000.00
5-28-45	Riverdale Children Ass'n. Cont.	25.00
6-16-45	Desert Batt. Expense	71.17
6-6-45	11th Annual Police Snow Cont.	50.00

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6-16-45	Desert Batt. Expense	8.00
6-26-45	" " "	199.62
8-1-45	Calif. Artists-Cont.	12.00
8-24-45	N.A.A.C.P.	5.00
8-16-45	Calif. Junior Sym. Assn.	10.00
7-18-45	Regents of the University of Calif.	35.00
8-24-45	California Water Color Society	50.00
7-12-45	Desert Batt. Expense	73.75
8-1-45	The Troopers Inc.	10.00
7-18-45	Santa Fe. Railroad D. B.	33.36
7-24-45	American Veteran's Comm.	600.00
7-24-45	Geo. Washington Carver Fund, Cont.	50.00
8-10-45	So. Calif. Symphony Assn Cont.	250.00
9-15-45	Hollywood Welfare Assn.	100.00
8-15-45	League for Free Palestine	250.00
8-1-45	Occidental College	100.00
8-11-45	Radio Women's Ware Service	25.00
8-15-45	Nat'l Conference Christians & Jews	100.00
8-11-45	Hollywood Guild Canteen	20.00
9-11-45	S Jay Kaufman	20.00
9-11-45	Hollywood Guild	1.00
8-24-45	Cash - Desert Batt.	80.00
8-23-45	Museum Patron's Assn.	25.00
9-12-45	Tailwaggers	1.00
10-13-45	University Rel. Conf.	100.00
9-11-45	United Negro College Fund	500.00
10-13-45	Helping Hand	5.00
9-15-45	Betty Caton Sec. D. B.	7.92
10-8-45	Philharmonic Artist Assn.	50.00
10-13-45	Museum Modern Art.	25.00
11-6-45	Community Mobilization for Democracy	25.00
11-6-45	Roosevelt College	500.00
10-13-45	Women's Comm. Philharmonia Orch.	5.00
11-13-45	Municipal Motorcycle Officers of Calif.	12.00
10-25-45	Veterans of Foreign Wars	15.00
12-6-45	Youth Center	20.00
10-25-45	Community Chest	100.00
12-3-45	Bro. Cornelius Keith Memorial Assn St. Marys	5.10
12-11-45	Beverly Hills Boys Club	30.00
12-3-45	Los Angeles Sheep Skin Coat Comm. USSR	50.00
12-13-45	L. A. Symphony Assn.	25.00

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12-3-45	Negro Art. Exhibit	\$ 100.00
12-3-45	Sister Kenny Foundation	100.00
12-20-45	City College Alumni Fund	25.00
12-20-45	Annual United Appeal	3000.00
12-20-45	Artists Fellowship Inc.	100.00
1-11-46	Beach Club	5.00
1-31-46	Spanish Refugee Appeal	100.00
1-31-46	Emmanuel Temple	100.00
2-14-46	N Y Guild for Jewish Blind	5.00
1-25-46	Viata Del Mar. Assoc.	1.00
2-14-46	American Society for Russian Relief Inc.	75.00
3-13-46	Beverly Hills, Boys Club	100.00
3-26-46	Temple Emmanuel	250.00
3-27-46	Tailwaggers	5.00
4-2-46	Beverly Hills Parents Teachers Assn.	50.00
4-10-46	Crippled Children Society of L A County	25.00
4-10-46	Win the Peace Conference	50.00
4-20-46	Braille Inst.	25.00
5-21-46	Eddie Cantor Camp Fund	50.00
5-2-46	H I C A S P.	120.00
6-21-46	L A Police Relief Assn.	20.00
5-2-46	Children Aid Society	10.00
5-2-46	L. A. Art Assn.	10.00
5-25-46	Boy Scouts of America	100.00
5-6-46	United Jewish Welfare Fund	7500.00
6-21-46	American Veterans Comm.	500.00
7-1-46	West View Hospital Inc.	100.00
8-20-46	Benefit for Spastic Children	25.00
8-20-46	The Museum Assn.	10.00
9-14-46	Nat'l Jewish Hospital	50.00
9-14-46	Tailwaggers	1.00
9-14-46	Southwest Museum	25.00
9-14-46	Museum of Modern Art.	25.00
10-12-46	Woman's Comm. Philharmonic Orch.	5.00
10-12-46	So. Calif. Symphony Assn.	200.00
10-16-46	Helping Hand	5.00
10-16-46	I M Hatten Desert Batt. Party	148.68
11-14-46	Hollywood Welfare Assn. Inc.	50.00
11-12-46	Jewish Agency	200.00
10-31-46	Desert Battalion Inc.	124.55
10-29-46	Municipal Motorcycle Officers of Calif.	12.00
11-6-46-	Desert Battalion	24.10
11-5-46	" "	61.45
10-30-46	John R. Perkins - A V C. Party	6.00

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11-15-46	Desert Battalion	64.84
11-9-46	" "	100.00
11-12-46	" "	7.50
11-21-46	" "	60.77
10-28-46	12th Wite Club	2.50
12-4-46	University Religious Conf.	100.00
12-4-46	Negro Actors Guild of America	50.00
12-14-46	Hollywood Temple Bath Hl Bldg. Fund	100.00
12-4-46	Artists Fellowship Inc.	100.00
12-14-46	Desert Battalion Inc.	43.75
12-9-46	" " "	271.62
11-29-46	European Children Relief	20.00
12-19-46	Desert Battalion Inc.	38.55
12-16-46	" " "	18.54

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Progressive Citizens of Calif.	2/10	\$ 200.00
Jewish Home for Aged	2/12	50.00
Vista Del Mar Associates	2/13	1.00
Mount Sinai Hospital Clinic	2/13	25.00
Temple Emanuel - Annual dues 2/47/48	3/11	100.00
Permanent Charities Committee	3/21	1500.00
Nursery School for Handicapped Children	4/8	10.00
Rosenberg Bakery-American Fed'n Womens Club	4/18	20.15
Eddie Cantor Camp, Comm.	5/3	50.00
Southwest Museum - Cont.	5/10	25.00
Clear Pool Camp	5/10	14.00
United Jewish Welfare	5/22	500.00
All Sports Dinner Committee	6/5	10.00
Artists Fellowship, Inc.	5/10	10.00
Bessie Levy - 2 tickets	6/12	7.20
Associate Alumni	6/12	20.00
Southern California Symphony Association	6/12	250.00
Salvation Army Building Fund	6/17	100.00
National Probation Association	7/30	5.00
United Jewish Welfare Fund	7/30	5000.00
Tailwaggers	8/14	1.00
The Museum Ass'n	9/9	10.00
Helping Hand of L.A.	10/10	5.00
St. John's Hospital	10/10	100.00
Catholic Actors Guild of America	10/10	10.00
The Modern Institute of Art	11/14	1000.00
The Museum of Modern Art	11/14	20.00
Damon Runyon Cancer Fund	9/11	100.00
University Religious Conference	12/8	100.00
Permanent Charities Committee - United Appeal- '48	11/14	1500.00
Hillcrest Country Club	12/10	10.00
The Beach Club	12/10	5.00
Urban League Service Club	12/6	100.00
St. John's Hospital Foundation	11/21	100.00
American Society for Cultural Relations w/ Italy	4/16	15.00

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Dawn Society	12/11/47	5.00
Jewish Home for the Aged	1/2	100.00
Vista Del Mar Associates	1/16	10.00
Eddie Cantor Camp Comm.	1/30	50.00
United Negro & Allied Veterans of America	1/30	100.00
Artists Fellowship Inc.	1/15	10.00
Womens Committee Philharmonic	2/13	6.00
Temple Emanuel - Dues to Feb. 1948	3/13	100.00
Mt. Sinai Hospital & Clinic	3/13	50.00
American Nat'l Red Cross	3/30	100.00
West View Hospital	4/3	100.00
L. A. Police Relief Ass'n	5/13	50.00
United Jewish Welfare Fund	5/14	500.00
Sheriff's Relief Ass'n	5/21	25.00
Young Men's Christian Ass'n	6/10	100.00
United Jewish Welfare Fund of L.A.	6/2	5000.00
Southwest Museum	6/10	25.00
Museum of Modern Art	8/16	20.00
The Museum Association	9/17	10.00
Tailwaggers	10/1	5.00
Municipal Motorcycle Officers	10/18	12.00
L. A. Philharmonic Orchestra	10/18	5.00
The Helping Hand of L.A.	10/18	5.00
Catholic Actors Guild	10/18	10.00
So. Calif. Symphony Ass'n	10/18	250.00
The Dawn Society	11/15	25.00
Permanent Charities Comm.	11/6	1000.00
Hillcrest Country Club	12/10	10.00
Artists Fellowship Inc.	11/29	50.00
Womens Comm. Inst. of Modern Art	12/21	30.00

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Hebrew University Rebuilding Fund	1/6/49	25.00
Vista del Mar Ass'n	1/5	1.00
Salvation Army	1/4	100.00
National Society Prevention Blindness	1/4	25.00
Jewish Home for Aged	1/21	100.00
Urban League Guild	1/4	40.00
American Jewish Congress	1/5	5.00
American Aid to France	1/4	100.00
Santa Monica Art Ass'n	1/22	3.00
Eddie Cantor Camp Comm.	2/10	50.00
Artists Fellowship	2/10	10.00
Southwest Museum	2/10	25.00
Art Ass'n of New Orleans	2/9	5.00
Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce Youth Fund	3/15	25.00
St. Joseph Hospital Guild	3/15	20.00
American Friends of Hebrew University pledge	1/21	50.00
United Jewish Welfare Fund, Bal. due 1947-48	3/15	6000.00
L.A. Art Ass'n	3/15	10.00
American Red Cross	4/12	200.00
University Religious Conference	4/12	100.00
Phil Borg & Bert Allenberg for M.P.R.F.	5/8	200.00
Devereux Schools	5/8	100.00
Youth Foundation	6/1	15.00
Associated Blind	6/8	50.00
Sheriff's Annual Show	6/6	12.50
L. A. Police Relief Ass'n	6/8	25.00
Modern Inst. of Art	8/14	150.00
The Museum Ass'n	11/28	10.00
Arrow Inc.	11/28	100.00
Young Mens Christian Ass'n	11/28	100.00
Museum of Modern Art	11/28	20.00
United Jewish Welfare Fund	11/28	11000.00
" " " "	11/28	500.00
George Washington Carver Ass'n	11/28	100.00
United Negro College Fund	11/28	100.00
Vista Del Mar Ass'n	12/10	1.00
Jewish Home for Aged	12/15	100.00
Artists Fellowship Inc.	12/5	100.00

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Robinson, I ask you whether or not you have ever been a member of the Communist Party of the United States or of any other country?

Mr. ROBINSON. I have not. I should like to declare directly and unequivocally that I am not now, nor have I ever been, a fellow-traveler or a member of the Communist Party; that I have at no time espoused or believed in the doctrine of the Communist Party, which I detest and condemn; that I have at all times opposed every form of totalitarianism, and have employed my talents to stimulate, among the millions of people I have reached, greater devotion to the democratic way of life; and that I would assist and defend the United States of America in any way within my power against any enemy, including Russia, her supporters and satellites.

At this time I should like to bring to the committee's attention that in 1940, speaking at an "I Am An American" Rally, and addressing myself to the young people who had come of age during the past year and achieved citizenship, I said:

"At 21 you need have no fear that because your father is a Protestant, or a Catholic, or a Jew, or a liberal, as in Germany, or a petty official or non-Communist in Russia - that you will be made to suffer through crushing government decrees.

"The fifth columnist is a subtle person. He



works from within our population, slowly, silently, like acid on stone, eroding steadily the fibres of our national unity. He is an individual, yes. But he is not alone. There are thousands like him, in all parts of the country, inspired or directed by the foreign powers of Communism and Nazism. They proceed according to plan, moving with relentless precision."

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Robinson, according to the records of this committee there are four Communist fronts of importance which have listed you either as a sponsor, the sender of greetings, or as a patron.

I would like to ask you whether you ever sent greetings to an organization known as the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade?

Mr. ROBINSON. To my knowledge I have never sent any greetings to the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

Mr. RUSSELL. In the November 1946 issue of a publication, Volunteer for Liberty, at page 3, the name Edward G. Robinson was listed as the sender of greetings.

Mr. ROBINSON. I know nothing about the Volunteer for Liberty, nor do I find anything in my files to indicate anything of the kind. *I have no recollection of any communication with Volunteer for Liberty.*

Mr. RUSSELL. According to another document in the committee's files, the name Edward G. Robinson was listed as a sponsor of a Conference on China and the Far East, called

by the National Committee to Win the Peace and the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy.

Mr. ROBINSON. I don't recall anything of the kind. What year was that?

Mr. RUSSELL. October 1946.

Mr. ROBINSON. May I see my list of contributions for that year?

(The list referred to was handed to the witness.)

Mr. ROBINSON. I see here, "Win the Peace Conference - \$50.00." *It is possible that I gave them \$50, but I certainly had no notion that it was a Communist organization.* *or Communist front*

Mr. RUSSELL. The letterhead of the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy contains your name as a sponsor. The letterhead was issued May 28, 1948. Do you recall having given permission to that organization for use of your name as a sponsor?

Mr. ROBINSON. I don't recall anything of the kind, but *I have no recollection of ever having given permission to it is possible if I had made a contribution they may have that organization to use my name as a sponsor or used my name because of that.* *otherwise*

I find in my files a telegram from Chicago, Illinois, dated June 4, 1946, addressed to me at 910 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, reading as follows:

"WE URGE YOU ACCEPT INVITATION AS SPEAKER AT RALLY FOR DEMOCRACY IN SOLDIER FIELD SATURDAY NIGHT AUGUST 10TH BEFORE 1000000. UNITED GROUP OF LABOR,

RELIGIOUS, NATIONALITY AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS  
STAGING THIS UNITY AND ANTI-FASCIST MEETING AS  
ANNIVERSARY OF WAR'S END. WIRE REPLY COLLECT.

IRA LATIMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHICAGO CIVIL  
LIBERTIES COMMITTEE 21 E VAN BUREAN."

I replied to this telegram by letter dated June 5, 1946,  
as follows:

"Mr. Ira Latimer  
Executive Director  
Chicago Civil Liberties Committee  
21 East Van Buren  
Chicago, Illinois,

"Dear Mr. Latimer:

"While I would like very much to accept your  
gracious invitation to participate in the activities  
at Soldier Field on August 10th, studio commitments  
here on the Coast will make it impossible.

"I do appreciate the invitation to speak on such an  
inspired occasion and hope that you will relay my  
regrets, together with my best wishes to all those  
taking part.

"Sincerely,

Edward G. Robinson"

I also find in my files a letter from the Committee to  
Win the Peace, Union County Branch, Elizabeth, N. J., dated  
June 10, 1946, reading as follows:

"Mr. Edward G. Robinson  
910 Redford Drive  
Beverly Hills, Cal.

"Dear Mr. Robinson:

"On Sunday, June 30th, between 2 and 5 P.M., there  
will be held in the Warrigento Park Stadium, Elizabeth,

New Jersey, a MASS RALLY TO PREVENT WORLD WAR III.

"This meeting is being arranged by the Union County Committee to Win the Peace, a local group affiliated with the national organization of the same name, headed by Paul Robeson and Col. Evans S. Carlson. Our group is certain to be able to assemble between five and ten thousand people at this rally."

"Knowing that you are in full sympathy with what we are trying to do, we feel that you would perhaps like an opportunity to participate in the program. Would you be kind enough to let us know whether we can count on you? We are, of course, very anxious to have you with us."

"Very sincerely yours,

COMMITTEE TO WIN THE PEACE  
Union County, N.J.

/s/ S. W. Heimlich

S. W. Heimlich, Chairman  
Program Committee

412 Westfield Avenue  
Elizabeth 3, N.J."

I replied to the above letter by Night letter dated  
June 29, 1946, as follows:

"MR. S. W. HEIMLICH  
412 WESTFIELD AVENUE  
ELIZABETH 3, NEW JERSEY

"NO ISSUE BEFORE THE WORLD IS GREATER THAN WINNING  
THE PEACE AND SECURING IT. THE UNITY AND COOPERATION  
OF THE BIG THREE IN HARMONY WITH THE PEOPLES OF THE  
WORLD WILL MEAN PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY IN ONE WORLD.  
KINDLY KNOW MY SYMPATHIES ARE WITH YOU AND I AM FIGHTING  
FOR THE SAME OBJECTIVES. IN THIS ENDEAVOR MAY I WISE

YOU AND THOSE PARTICIPATING GREAT SUCCESS. REGRET  
MY INABILITY TO BE THERE BUT CONSIDER THIS MY  
HANDCLASP.

EDWARD G. ROBINSON"

I certainly had no notion or idea that this organization  
had any Communist tinge to it. I didn't give my name as a  
sponsor, however.

Mr. RUSSELL. According to a letterhead of Congress of  
American-Soviet Friendship, dated October 27, 1942, your name,  
Edward G. Robinson, was listed as a patron. Do you recall  
having been a patron of the Congress of American-Soviet Friend-  
ship?

Mr. ROBINSON. Is that October 1942?

Mr. RUSSELL. Yes.

Mr. ROBINSON. I have the invitation, a Night Letter  
from New York dated October 1, 1942, and addressed to me at  
910 Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California:

"THE CONGRESS OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP OF WHICH  
HON JOSEPH R. DAVIES IS HONORARY CHAIRMAN WILL BE  
HELD NEWYORKCITY NOVEMBER 7 & 8 FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
PROMOTING BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION BETWEEN  
TWO GREAT PEOPLES WHO ARE FIGHTING TOGETHER TO WIN THE  
WAR AND THE PEACE STOP MR DAVIES INVITES YOU TO BE ONE  
OF THE PATRONS OF THIS CONGRESS AMONG WHOM ARE SECRETARY  
AND MRS CORDELL HULL SECRETARY AND MRS JESSE JONES

SENATORS PEPPER GUFFEY McKELLAR GOVERNOR AND MRS PAUL  
V McNUTT ALLEN WARDWELL DOROTHY THOMPSON PHILIP MURRAY  
AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC LEADERS STOP WIRE  
REPLY CONGRESS OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP 475 FIFTH  
AVENUE NEWYORK

ALICE BARRONS, DIRECTOR."

Here is my answer:

"IN ANSWER TO YOUR TELEGRAM OF 10-1-42 HAPPY AND  
HONORED TO HAVE MY NAME INCLUDED IN LIST OF PATRONS  
OF THE CONGRESS OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP."

At that time I didn't know that this organization was  
a Communist front or that it would develop into anything of  
that kind. I was purely concerned with Russia as an ally,  
as I had been concerned with our other allies.

Mr. RUSSELL. According to the Daily Worker of November  
21, 1944, page 11, you, Edward G. Robinson, sent greetings  
to the American-Soviet Friendship Rally. Do you recall having  
sent such greeting?

Mr. ROBINSON. To begin with, I should like to state  
unequivocally that I have never had anything to do with the  
Daily Worker. To my knowledge I have never even seen a copy  
of that newspaper in my life.

Here is a letter dated January 13, 1944, on the letter-  
head of the Los Angeles Council of American Soviet Friendship,  
814-16 Broadway Arcade Building, 542 So. Broadway, Los Angeles

13, California, reading as follows:

"Mr. Edward G. Robinson  
910 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, California

"Dear Mr. Robinson:

"On March 8th women of the Soviet Union celebrate their annual Women's Day. For this celebration our Women's Committee is anxious to transmit recorded greetings from outstanding Americans to show our appreciation of the magnificent courage the women of the Soviet Union have displayed in the struggle against Nazism.

"We hope very much that you would be willing to make a brief recording of a greeting, preferably in your own words, but we would be glad to supply a text if you prefer it. This recording is to be in New York by the end of January in order to reach the Soviet Union in time. So may we get in touch with you in the course of the next few days to arrange a convenient time for the making of a record?

"Cordially

/s/ Thomas L. Harris

THOMAS L. HARRIS  
Executive Director"

To which I replied:

"January 15, 1944

"Mr. Thomas L. Harris  
Executive Director of  
Los Angeles Council of American Soviet Friendship  
814 Broadway Arcade Bldg.  
542 So. Broadway  
Los Angeles 13, Calif.

"Dear Mr. Harris:

"In reply to your letter of January 13th, 1944,  
I am happy to make the recording suggested.

"Please get in touch with me by telephone

(CR 6-5115) in order to make necessary arrangements.

"With best wishes, I am

"Very sincerely yours,"

And I probably made a recording at that time. I was just learning Russian, and I probably made it in Russian. It was solicited also by the Office of War Information. In 1944 Russia was our ally.

Again, I had no knowledge that eventually that would turn out to be a Communist front organization rather than just an American-Soviet Friendship organization.

Mr. RUSSELL. Have you ever contributed to the magazine Soviet Russia Today?

Mr. ROBINSON. I don't recall contributing, but it is possible, in this way: I happened to find a copy of Soviet Russia Today in gathering this data, and it must have been something of this nature.

My name, I find, appears among the list of patrons in the December 1942 issue. You will find all sorts of tributes to the Russian Army in 1942.

I find a letter dated February 15, 1943, from Jessica Smith, Editor of Soviet Russia Today, addressed to me at Beverly Hills, California, reading as follows:

"My dear Mr. Robinson:

"Thank you so much for your letter. I should



be most happy to have for publication in the next issue of our magazine a copy of the address on the Red Army of which you had a recording made to be sent to Moscow, if you will be good enough to send me a copy. Meantime, we shall quote the statement in your letter at the dinner itself."

To which I replied on February 26, 1943, as follows:

"Soviet Russia Today  
114 E. 32nd St.  
New York, N. Y.

"Gentlemen:

"In reply to your letter of February 15, 1943, and in compliance with request contained therein, please find enclosed copy of recording made recently by me, which has been or will be sent to Moscow.

"With best wishes, I am

"Sincerely yours,"

This is even more interesting. This is the preceding letter. You see, there was a dinner celebrating the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Red Army sponsored by them on Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1943, 7:00 P.M., at the Hotel Commodore, New York, at which Vilhjalmur Stefansson was presiding. Tributes to the fighting forces of our Soviet Ally were to be made by Hon. Joseph E. Davies, Hon. Elbert D. Thomas, Mr. A. F. Whitney, Captain Sergei N. Kournakoff, and others to be announced; with responses from Rear Admiral

Akulina and Major Barayev.

This dinner was under the auspices of the magazine Soviet Russia Today, and it would be interesting to put in the record who the sponsors were at that particular time.

(The sponsors referred to by the witness were listed as follows:)

Louis Adamic	George Marshall
Alice P. Barrows	Dr. Daniel L. Marsh
Hon. William L. Bass	Frank X. Martel
William Rose Benet	Edgar Lee Masters
Louis Bromfield	Prof. Kirtley S. Mather
Pearl S. Buck	Harriet L. Moore
Dr. Hugh Cabot	Bishop Arthur W. Moulton
Dr. Walter R. Cannon	Senator James E. Murray
Hon. Oscar Chapman	Philip Murray
Joseph Curran	Eugene O'Neill
Prof. Albert Einstein	Senator Claude Pepper
Dr. Frederick May Eliot	Prof. Ralph Barton Perry
Prof. Henry Pratt Fairchild	Prof. Arthur Upham Pope
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Folks	Jacob Potofsky
Dean Christian Gauss	Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.
Dr. Frank P. Graham	Paul Robeson
John Green	Col. Raymond Robins
Senator Joseph F. Guffey	Edward G. Robinson
Judge Learned Hand	Richard B. Seandrett, Jr.
Thomas L. Harris	Dr. Henry E. Sigerist
Ernest Hemingway	Johannes Steel
Sidney Hillman	Donald Ogden Stewart
Dr. Alex Hrdlicka	Raymond Gram Swing
Hon. Stanley M. Isaacs	Genevieve Taggard
Helen Keller	R. J. Thomas
Dr. John A. Kingsbury	Dr. Alan Valentine
O. A. Knight	Mary van Kleeck
Leo Krzycki	Margaret Webster
Corliss Lamont	Albert Rhys Williams
Prof. Gilbert N. Lewis	Lin Yutang
Maurice Maeterlinck	J.J. Zarhal
Thomas Mann	Vladimir K. Zworykin

Mr. ROBINSON. This is a letter dated January 29, 1943, again from Jessica Smith, Soviet Russia Today, 114 East Thirty Second Street, New York:

"My dear Mr. Robinson:

"We are very grateful to you for accepting our invitation to be a sponsor of our dinner in honor of the Red Army.

"I am enclosing herewith an invitation and registration card. We are holding a group of tables for our sponsors, and do hope that you can arrange to be present. If so, we should appreciate receiving reservations for yourself and any friends you care to bring as soon as possible.

"We are issuing a special Red Army number of Soviet Russia Today which we expect to have ready in time for the dinner. We are requesting tributes to the Red Army by prominent Americans for publication in this issue. We should like very much to have a tribute from you both for publication in the magazine, and for inclusion in a reading of tributes that will be a part of the dinner program. We should appreciate receiving any tribute you care to write by February 5th, or February 8th at the latest.

"Thanking you for your cooperation,

"Sincerely yours,

Jessica Smith"

Then I answered on February 13, 1943:

"My dear Miss Smith:

"I have your letter of Jan. 29th which I read with a great deal of interest. I regret that I will be unable to accept your very honored invitation to attend the dinner celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Red Army to be held on Monday, Feb. 22nd at the Hotel Commodore. It would be a distinguished pleasure to be a participant in a celebration so deserved to honor our comrades-in-arms.

"Last Friday I made a recording of an address to be broadcast from Moscow, - a word of tribute to the Red Army. I have been taking up Russian during these last several months, so fortunately, I was able to talk in Russian, - I hope I am understood.

"You ask another tribute from me for publication in 'Soviet Russia To-Day'. Maybe you can use my address, or such excerpts from it, as you choose. If not, just say for me, - Only the historians of tomorrow will be able to appraise the courage, valor and achievements of the Red Army of today.

"With all good wishes,

"Sincerely,

Edward G. Robinson"

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Robinson, during the first part of this hearing I asked you a question regarding an article or a greeting which appeared in the magazine Volunteer for Liberty, the November 1946 issue, page 3, which was issued by the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. I show you the issue of Volunteer for Liberty mentioned and ask if you can recall ever having written such a letter or having sent such a greeting?

Mr. ROBINSON. To the best of my knowledge I cannot recall ever having sent a letter to the Abraham Lincoln Brigade at this time or at any particular time. I don't find anything of this nature in my files, and I would welcome an investigation for my own good purposes regarding the truth of it. Also, my record of contributions will show that at no

time have I made any contribution to the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. I have heard of the organization, the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, but at no time have I ever had any association with them, to the best of my knowledge.

This letter does not coincide with the times. I am quoted as saying:

"Let us hope that the fight which these heroes started will free Spain of Fascism and that free peoples will establish a lasting peace, inspired by those who gave their lives with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade."

This article appeared in November 1946. But I don't know that they ever had such a greeting from me at any time.

I notice that Mr. Ickes is also quoted as greeting the Abraham Lincoln Brigade on its Tenth Anniversary, but I should like to leave it to Mr. Ickes to answer that.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Robinson, an undated letterhead of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born lists you as a sponsor. The letter itself summarizes the work of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born during the year 1946. Do you recall any association with the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born?

*A.F.R.*  
 Mr. ROBINSON. To the best of my knowledge I never ~~extended beyond 1944, and that consisted of an appearance~~ *my connection with it consisted* *on* at a dinner to which I was invited April 27, 1943. Among

the speakers-to-be, in the invitation that was extended to me, were Dorothy Thompson and William Allen White. Grace Moore was to sing the National Anthem. These speakers did appear, and I spoke, and if you ~~would like a copy of my speech~~ ~~would like a copy~~ you may have it. ~~It was a very amusing speech, if I may say so.~~

I was invited to be a sponsor and speaker at the United Nations Dinner of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born on April 17, 1943. Being foreign-born myself, and noting the dinner was intended to hail outstanding Americans of foreign birth, I accepted. With William Allen White and Dorothy Thompson as fellow-speakers, I felt like anyone else would, namely, that I was in good company.

My speech had no political aspects. It can be epitomized by quoting one single sentence: "The composite blood of the whole human race flows in the veins of this (American) people, the blood of every race, every nation and every people in the world."

I was not a member of this organization, but in 1943 I contributed \$100, and in 1944 \$10, and allowed my name to be used as a sponsor. What I thought to be the sole interest of the Committee is reflected in a telegram I sent when the organization requested a message: "America United," I wired, "means minorities united against Hitler, Himmler and Goering, and a victory expressing the tradition of Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt. Minorities united for America mean a free

nation, cooperating with other free nations for a free world, free from Fascism."

That telegram reflects my thinking; and I had no further connection with the Committee after June 1944.

Mr. RUSSELL. The program and call for a Conference of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, October 25 and 26, 1947, lists you as a sponsor of the National Conference. Do you recall whether or not you did sponsor the National Conference of that organization?

Mr. ROBINSON. I could not have been a sponsor of it, because my association with that organization ceased in 1944. If they used my name as a sponsor in 1947, it was utterly unknown to me and without my consent.

Mr. RUSSELL. According to the National Board Report to the Second National Convention, June 13-17, 1946, page 13, the name Edward G. Robinson appears as a participant in a Welcome Home, Joe, Dinner, under the sponsorship of American Youth for Democracy.

Mr. ROBINSON. I had been asked on numerous occasions to become active in the American Youth for Democracy, and each time I refused to undertake the responsibility or respond to the invitation.

*address at a dinner giving an*  
In 1946 I was asked to make a two-minute award to Mauldin *remember*  
~~speech~~, and here is the speech. I don't know if that was made

at the dinner, or whether I had made a recording, or whether it was broadcast. I don't exactly recall, I don't believe I was at the dinner. I believe I was asked to make a recording.

(The speech referred to and submitted by the witness is as follows:)

Welcome Home, Joe, Dinner

# SECOND ANNUAL SALUTE TO YOUNG AMERICA

Arranged by: American Youth for Democracy

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150 Nassau St., Room 412, New York, N. Y.  
Telephone: WOrth 2-3863

SUGGESTED COPY FOR EDWARD G. ROBINSON'S AWARD TO MAULDIN  
TO RUN TWO MINUTES

Every once in a while an artist comes along who not only does a job supremely well, but who himself symbolizes to the rest of us the heart of that job. When this happens, we with our hearts -- even more than with our minds -- know how completely he has succeeded in saying what he has to say. We know it because our response is so keen, because our understanding becomes so deep.

And this is how people got to feel about your "Willie and Joe" cartoons, Sgt. William Henry -- Bill -- Mauldin. Over the four years of war you built up their impact until they were hitting us harder, and harder -- and harder. You made us see exactly what you wanted us to see -- the millions of infantrymen sweating it out, fighting it out, in the front lines. You made us know the cold and the grime and the fear with which our boys were living; you showed us the gripings and the strength, the courage and the great humanity of our army. So that we really knew what those at the front were doing for the rest of us.



And what is perhaps still more important, you helped the GI's know themselves better - so that they could crack jokes again at their own expense when the going got tough, and believe in themselves when it got tougher; and that's what is known as a first-rate contribution to morale.

For your immortalizing of our G.I. Joe; for your championing of him as he is, without sentimentality or false glamor; for your own courage to which your Purple Heart bears tribute; for your understanding of what this war was about and your grim young determination to help prevent another war, -- it gives me great pleasure to present to you this award on behalf of the Welcome Home, Joe, Committee, on the occasion of the Second Anniversary of American Youth For Democracy.

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Mr. ROBINSON. On three successive occasions, beginning December 1943, again in June 1944, and November 1944, I received letters of solicitation from the American Youth for Democracy which outlined the motives and purposes of this organization as being "to unite the efforts of all young people who want to help win victory over Fascism and build for a just and lasting peace."

These letters also purported that the program and activities were to be devoted to uniting and strengthening the home front and giving full support to our Commander in Chief, President Roosevelt.

On the basis of these solicitations, I responded in each instance, but declined any active participation. In my first letter of declination, of December 6, 1943, I

included this paragraph:

"I was amazed at the scope and vitality of your work, and I must say you are engaged in a most commendable and constructive endeavor."

In the subsequent letters of declination I also made some comment about the worthwhile activity in which this organization was ostensibly engaged. This was the extent of my so-called participation in the American Youth for Democracy.

Three years after the first request, I was rather surprised to receive, in February 1946, a letter signed by Emmett Burke, Chairman, Boy Life Committee, New York Knights of Columbus, alluding to an endorsement of this program which was published by the American Youth for Democracy. Looking through my correspondence, I found that the paragraph above quoted, taken from my first letter of declination, was lifted out of context and apparently used for this purpose without my knowledge or authorization. I responded to Mr. Burke accordingly and explained just how this event probably came about. In the conclusion of my letter to Mr. Burke, I stated; "I reiterate, I love America."

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Robinson, I have asked you questions regarding the principal Communist fronts listed in our records, that is, the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, American Youth for Democracy, and the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, as well as the publication Soviet Russia Today. I might

state that there are several other organizations, such as:

The Hollywood Democratic Committee, which lists you as a candidate for the Executive Board, according to the ballot of July 26, 1944. The Hollywood Democratic Committee has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its Report of 1948, which states:

"This Communist front grew out of a series of fronts designed to entrap Hollywood's innocents in the motion-picture industry."

Do you recall associating with that organization in any capacity?

Mr. ROBINSON. The five political organizations to which I belonged were: Hollywood Democratic Committee; National Citizens Political Action Committee; Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee for the Arts, Sciences and Professions (HICCASP); Independent Citizens Committee for the Arts, Sciences and Professions; and Progressive Citizens of America. Regarding these five political organizations, they succeeded each other and in some instances overlapped. All of them supported Franklin D. Roosevelt, excepting those created after the President's death.

I was and still am a great admirer of the late Chief Executive. My own viewpoint on international affairs was in general agreement with that of F.D.R. expressed in the now historically famous speech in October, 1937, at Chicago,

when the President called for "quarantining of the aggressor."

Extremely conscious of the responsibilities of citizenship, including the right and obligation to vote, I participated actively and through contributions in political campaigns. In 1940, when the Communists opposed F.D.R. and maligned him as a warmonger, I served on the Advisory Committee of, and contributed to, the "Hollywood for Roosevelt Committee," headed by Pat O'Brien.

I contributed to numerous organizations which conducted campaigns in behalf of the election or reelection of President Roosevelt and other Democratic candidates.

Regarding the Hollywood Democratic Committee, it supported the reelection of President Roosevelt in 1944. I was elected to the Executive Board of that organization, attended several meetings in that capacity, contributed funds, and appeared on the radio for that Committee.

Among the members of the Executive Committee, whose loyalty is beyond question, were such stalwart Americans as Jesse Lasky, Emmett Levery, Talbot Jennings, Sol Lesser, and J. K. Wallace.

In joining this and other groups, I was motivated by the highest principles and assumed the same of my fellow-members. They had given adequate proof that they desired the same result as I did; the reelection of Roosevelt.

In 1945 the Hollywood Democratic Committee was dissolved

and succeeded by HICGASP.

The Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee for the Arts, Sciences and Professions (HICGASP) was the local branch of the Independent Citizens Committee for the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

Outstanding liberals like John Dewey, Dr. Alonzo Myers, participated in ICCASP with James Roosevelt as Director of Political Organization and Harold Ickes as Chairman of the Executive Committee. I permitted use of my name as an "initiating sponsor" because I desired Roosevelt's policy to be continued. Beyond lending my name as sponsor, my activity in connection with ICCASP consisted of support of a National Fine Arts Bill, a National Health Bill, and participation in some broadcasts.

HICGASP had on its Executive Council such people as Charles Boyer and others of similar stature. I, too, served on the Council, made small financial contributions to the Committee, and participated in a skit at the Los Angeles Philharmonic Auditorium sponsored by HICGASP. In this skit a plea was made for unity among the Big Three to achieve real peace and to strengthen the United Nations which just then was born in San Francisco. By the end of 1945, I was no longer connected with it in any way.

The National Citizens Political Action Committee was organized in July, 1944 by the CIO Political Action Committee under Sidney Hillman. The NEPAC was created to reelect

President Roosevelt through marshalling independent voters. Though nominally non-partisan, the NCPAC supported almost entirely liberal Democrats and raised funds for the purchase of radio-time and newspaper-space in behalf of these candidates.

Dominant among NCPAC leadership were such figures as: Sidney Hillman, A. F. Whitney, Gifford Pinchot, Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, Bishop Bright, and Mrs. Edward Warburg.

I contributed to the NCPAC and granted the use of my name as a member of NCPAC's National Council, though I did not participate in any of its meetings, all of which were held in the East.

By the end of 1946, NCPAC was dissolved and merged, along with ICCASF into the Progressive Citizens of America, PCA.

When one political action group was dissolved and succeeded by another, the membership was taken over, almost in toto, by the succeeding organization. It followed, therefore, that earlier membership in the Hollywood Democratic Committee led to automatic membership in HICASF, and membership in NCPAC to later association with PCA.

The Progressive Citizens of America (PCA) came into being on December 29, 1946. I participated as an initiating sponsor of PCA's Los Angeles Chapter (February 11, 1947), and contributed towards the expense of the initial meeting. The purpose of PCA was to aid in the campaign for the election of Democratic candidates to Congress.

In co-sponsoring the Los Angeles meeting, I found myself in the company of such vigorous and outspoken anti-Communists as Jack Kroll, CIO Political Action Chief; A. J. Whitney; and Bishop Bright. Officers of national PCA were such active opponents of Communism as Philip Murray, Fiorello LaGuardia and A. F. Whitney, all of them serving as vice-chairmen.

I was listed among the 133 names on the ballot for the Los Angeles PCA Chapter Executive Committee. Listed as candidates also were Irving DeShetler (now head of the CIO in Los Angeles), Mrs. Sumner Spaulding (head of the Community Chest and Y.N.C.A.), and others whose patriotism is beyond question.

I made several contributions to PCA, the last one on May 19, 1947, and since then I have had nothing further to do with the organization.

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Robinson, you expressed a desire to be faced with any and all evidence that we may have regarding your alleged Communist front participation, as well as Communist Party membership.

Mr. ROBINSON. That is right.

Mr. OWENS. I will read to you this paragraph from the transcript of the Judith Coplon trial:

"On July 18, 1947, Confidential Informant ND 402 advised Special Agents William J. McCarthy and Daniel P. Garda that Lionel Berman, head of the Cultural Committee of the Communist Party, has been successful in using

well-known Hollywood personalities to further Communist Party aims, Fredric March being one of the persons who came under his influence. The Informant further advised that he was satisfied the subject, who is active in the Communist infiltration of the motion picture industry, is a Communist Party member along with Edward G. Robinson, Paul Robeson, Dorothy Parker, Donald Ogden Stuart, Ruth McKinney, Alfred Maltz, Alvah Bessie, Dalton Trumbo, Millen Brand and Michael Blankfort."

Are you acquainted with Lionel Berman?

Mr. ROBINSON. No, I don't know Berman. To my knowledge I never met Lionel Berman. I think it is nothing but a vicious lie, and I should like to be confronted with SD 402.

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Robinson, in your experience in Hollywood, have you ever been approached or talked to about communism, or becoming a Communist?

Mr. ROBINSON. In all my experience in Hollywood or any place, in all of my life, I have never been approached by anybody to join the Communist Party, nor have I heard anyone propagate any communistic ideas in my presence. I have never had anyone come to me and say, "I am a Communist."

Mr. OWENS. Do you know any Communists?

Mr. ROBINSON. *Mr. Owens* Personally, I don't know *if any communists* *among my friends or acquaintances* *of* suspicion has been thrown on many people, including myself, but no one has ever told me he was a Communist.



Mr. OWENS. And you have never attended a meeting of any kind that you had reason to believe Communists were sponsoring or were attending?

Mr. ROBINSON. *I never attended a meeting*  
~~No. To my knowledge I would never go to a~~  
~~meeting that I knew had a Communist tinge to it.~~ *S.F.E.*

Mr. OWENS. Are you acquainted with Paul Robeson?

Mr. ROBINSON. Yes.

Mr. OWENS. What is the nature of your acquaintance with him?

Mr. ROBINSON. I know him as an artist.

Mr. OWENS. Do you have any knowledge regarding his Communist Party affiliations or his Communist front affiliations?

Mr. ROBINSON. No. I only know what I read about that.

Mr. OWENS. Are you acquainted with Dorothy Parker?

Mr. ROBINSON. Yes, I am.

Mr. OWENS. What is the nature of your acquaintance with her?

Mr. ROBINSON. Just as a friend and in the arts, *and socially*  
~~on occasion~~ *never*  
~~in a political organization.~~ *S.F.R.*

Mr. OWENS. Do you have any knowledge of her alleged Communist affiliations?

Mr. ROBINSON. No.

Mr. OWENS. Do you know Donald Ogden Stuart?

Mr. ROBINSON. Yes. I have known him for years. I haven't seen him for years. The last time I saw him was at

a dinner of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. I believe that was in 1943.

Mr. OWENS. Do you have any knowledge of his alleged Communist affiliations?

Mr. ROBINSON. No.

Mr. OWENS. Are you acquainted with Ruth McKinney?

Mr. ROBINSON. No. ~~Maybe I am, but I don't recall the name.~~ S.P.

Mr. OWENS. Are you acquainted with Alfred Wultz?

Mr. ROBINSON. Yes. I did a picture that he wrote part of, The Red House.

Mr. OWENS. Do you have any personal knowledge as to his alleged Communist affiliations?

Mr. ROBINSON. No.

Mr. WHEELER. Are you acquainted with the Committee for the First Amendment?

Mr. ROBINSON. Yes.

Mr. WHEELER. Were you ever a member of that Committee?

Mr. ROBINSON. Yes.

Mr. WHEELER. Will you explain to the committee the reason that Committee was formed?

Mr. ROBINSON. The Committee was formed for freedom of speech, freedom of thought, freedom of expression. I had been at that particular time accused of subversive activities, and I knew how unjust these accusations were, and I said to myself,

but for the grace of a subpoena, I might have been one of the 23, because at one time it was stated that Charlie Chaplin and I would be the first to receive subpoenas. So naturally they had my sympathies, and I gave them money, and I appeared for a broadcast featuring this particular hearing.

After the men were investigated, or in the process of investigation, after I listened to two or three broadcasts and the way the whole thing was being conducted as far as the men were concerned, I completely lost my sympathy, because I realized that I might have been one of the 23 taken in by the kind of pattern they used in defending themselves.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Robinson, do you have in your possession, or among your files, a letter which best expresses your evaluation of the charges which have been made against you at various times?

Mr. ROBINSON. I have here a letter written during the month of May 1947 to William Randolph Hearst, San Simeon, California, with regard to an invitation that I had received from the Chicago Herald-American to appear at "I Am An American Day." On the ~~following day~~ <sup>following my acceptance</sup> I was notified that I was not acceptable to the management of the paper. I sensed that it was because of the nasty rumors <sup>to my</sup> on my behavior as an American, and I thought it best to write a letter to William Randolph Hearst expressing my beliefs and my convictions and my stand regarding the occasion. I should like to insert

this letter into the record.

(The letter above referred to and submitted by the witness is as follows:)

My dear Mr. Hearst:

This week I had an experience involving the Chicago HERALD-AMERICAN which I feel should be brought to your attention.

A representative of the paper came to Hollywood to arrange for the appearance of a number of motion picture personalities at I AM AN AMERICAN DAY in Chicago and called upon a mutual friend to ask for my attendance. As you know, I am vitally interested in such occasions, have taken part in them before, and sincerely believe in them. The paper's representative assured our mutual friend that my presence was desired and I made arrangements to fly to Chicago especially for the occasion, returning to my work here immediately following the ceremony.

However, the following day I was notified that I was "not acceptable" to the management of the paper.

Now, I know, Mr. Hearst, that I have been assailed by nasty rumors because of my support of President Roosevelt, but I am sure that such support is no more a reflection on my patriotism than my campaigning for you when you ran against McClellan for Mayor of New York some thirty years ago.

As a matter of fact, this early interest in politics on my part was something of a turning point in my career. I was an immigrant boy in knee pants having arrived in this country only three years before. You represented to me all that my father sought when he brought his family of six children to this country from Rumania. I began making speeches on street corners on the East Side and I guess that about the biggest thing that ever happened to me was a call I got from your headquarters in the Hermitage asking if I would speak in other parts of New York. As a matter of fact, the first automobile in which I ever rode was the car sent for me by your campaign headquarters and my first

appearance on Broadway was in the amateurish role of a campaign orator.

I had read every one of Brisbane's editorials and I am sure no one was more bitterly opposed to Boss Murphy than was I. I was a liberal in those days as I like to feel I am a liberal today. I was opposed to Boss Murphy in the same sense that I am opposed to any and all forms of tyranny and dictatorship today - regardless of what "ism" might attach itself to that tyranny or dictatorship. I believed then as I do today that every man should have a religion and that it should be his right to choose that religion; that every man should have the right to speak and think freely within the framework of our American Constitution; that there is nothing subversive or un-American in differing from one's fellow men on such matters as personalities and politics which make up our American form of Government. And for the record, let me state that I think it is the finest form of government yet devised by man and I intend to support it with all the means at my command.

I served in the Navy in World War I. I went to England in World War II and spent several weeks there during the "Blitz" as an accredited officer of OWI. I was the first Hollywood actor to follow the troops into Normandy. It was my privilege to inaugurate one of the USO drives with a contribution of \$100,000. My wife distinguished herself by her work with the "Desert Battalion" when morale building was such an important factor to those troops being trained in the Far West. All of these contributions we considered but little down payments for the privilege of being Americans.

I have been cited by the Government, the American Legion, and many other patriotic organizations on numerous occasions. I look upon these citations merely as confirmation and assurance of my own belief in America and I am humbly proud that "I Am An American." I cite these factors, Mr. Hearst, merely for your information as I am sure there is not a great deal of difference between us in our regard for the fundamentals of Americanism. We may follow different political parties at the moment. We may have a healthy respect for different political leaders and we may condemn different practices which have grown up under our system of Democratic Government, but I am sure there can be no

disagreement between us on the principal issue - our belief in the American form of Government as set up in our Constitution.

I am sorry that my unpleasant experience in connection with such a fine institution as I AM AN AMERICAN DAY necessitated my bringing this matter to your attention and I hope that it will make for a better understanding all around.

Respectfully yours,

Mr. RUSSELL. As a result of that letter to Mr. Hearst, did you receive any further communications from anyone connected with his organization?

Mr. ROBINSON. Yes. Here is a telegram dated May 16, 1947.

(The telegram above referred to and submitted by the witness is as follows:)

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May 16, 1947

HOWARD MAYER  
6331 Hollywood LOSA-

PLEASE OFFER MY APOLOGIES TO MR ROBINSON FOR WHAT HAS BEEN AN UNFORTUNATE MISUNDERSTANDING. I DID NOT UNDERSTAND THAT MR. ROBINSON WAS AVAILABLE OR WE WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE HAD HIM ON THE LIST. TO SAY THAT HE IS UNACCEPTABLE IS RIDICULOUS. I HOPE YOU CAN INDUCE HIM TO COME. REGARDS

R. H. WILEY

Mr. ROBINSON. I also have a letter dated May 21, 1947,  
from Roy Topper of the Chicago Herald-American.

(The letter above referred to and submitted by the  
witness is as follows:)

(Letterhead of CHICAGO HERALD AMERICAN,  
326 W. Madison St.  
Chicago 6, Ill.)

May 21, 1947

Edward G. Robinson  
c/o Howard Mayer  
6331 Hollywood Blvd.  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Eddie:

Perhaps words will not be able to express my great  
appreciation to you for your gracious acceptance to  
appear at the Herald-American I AM AN AMERICAN DAY  
at the Chicago Stadium.

Your message touched the hearts of everyone in the  
Stadium and today the reaction is one of over-  
whelming enthusiasm.

I know you are blaming me for the mixup in your  
transportation at the airport. This I accept.  
With all of the confusion that went with the show,  
I was specifically told by Mr. Boyle of the Airlines  
that your transportation was ready and waiting for  
you. This was an unfortunate occurrence.

I will be in California shortly and if you will grant  
me the opportunity of just sitting down and talking  
with you and perhaps explaining a little further,  
many of the things which were not clear to you will  
be enlightened for both of us.

In regard to your address, I personally appreciated your deep feelings and want you to believe me sincerely when I say that if there were more men like you in your profession with as wise and liberal an attitude toward people, it would be a far greater industry.

On behalf of the executives of this organization kindly accept our most heartfelt appreciation for your appearance at our show.

With warmest regards to you and your family, I am

Sincerely,

Roy Topper

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Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Robinson, in a statement which you have submitted to the committee, you mentioned certain individuals as having been connected with the Progressive Citizens of America who, I believe, are associated with the Political Action Committee rather than the Progressive Citizens of America. I would therefore like to ask you whether you supported Henry Wallace in his candidacy for President of the United States. I have to ask this question in order to clarify the record, inasmuch as it appears you confuse Progressive Citizens of America with the Political Action Committee.

Mr. ROBINSON. My last contribution to ~~anything that had~~ *any political organization* S.F.R.  
~~anything to do with politics~~ was in 1947. According to my records, 2-10-47, Progressive Citizens of California got \$200. I did not give any monies to the Wallace campaign for the



Presidency, I never made any broadcasts, nor did I appear on the platform with him.

Mr. RUSSELL. I gather from the statement you submitted to the committee you were under the impression Progressive Citizens of America was part of the Political Action Committee, because you mentioned certain labor leaders affiliated with the Political Action Committee who, as far as I know, were not associated with Progressive Citizens of America.

Mr. ROBINSON. If there are any mistakes about that, I am not an analyst or statistician. I depended on a man who got all of this data for me. I don't know much about the history of these organizations.

Mr. RUSSELL. I might state for the record that the name Edward G. Robinson is not contained in a list of names furnished the committee by Louis Budenz.

(Thereupon, at 2:20 p.m., the hearing was concluded.)

S.R. I am prepared to submit myself for further examination at any time to establish unequivocally that I am not now and never have been a member of the communist party or any subversive group or a fellow traveller. I do, and always have found, communists repugnant to my beliefs. I will fight it as an individual and as an artist whenever and wherever possible just as I have always fought tyranny.

November 8, 1950

100-337779-112  
Mr. Edward G. Robinson -  
910 North Bedford Drive  
Beverly Hills, California

TESTIMONY

HEARINGS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE  
ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
OF REPRESENTATIVES EIGHTY-FIRST  
CONGRESS WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 8, 1950, and the transcript of the hearing before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. It was indeed thoughtful of you to bring your observations to my attention.

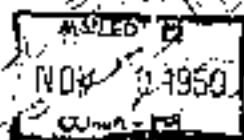
I believe that you have misconceived the true role of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a strictly investigative agency. We have always maintained a position that our organization is a fact-finding agency. Decisions as to prosecutions are entirely within the province of the Attorney General and his assistants and we of the FBI never make any recommendations or suggestions in this regard. I will be glad to retain a copy of the transcript together with your observations as a permanent record in our files as your reutation against the charges set forth in your communication.

A policy established long ago precludes us from offering any comment concerning information which we may have in our files and I do hope that you will draw no inference from my failure to so comment. It is equally impossible for us to initiate any procedure whereby you could confront an alleged witness. As I said previously, we are strictly an investigative agency and as such it is our duty to ascertain the real truth. In so doing we are as interested in collecting evidence to prove the innocence of the accused as we are interested in collecting evidence to prove the guilt of the accused.

Sincerely yours,

Los Angeles, with copy of incoming letter Henry

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Re report SA [redacted] dated 9-10-41, at New York. The last paragraph on page eight reports that Confidential Informant T-6 recalled that during one of the National Committee meetings held in 1933 or 1934 plans were made for the formation of the Independent Citizens' Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. It would appear from other information appearing in the report that these dates should be 1943 or 1944.

You should advise the Bureau and other offices receiving this letter as to the correct dates as reported by the informant.

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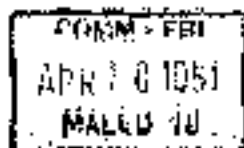
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Informants advised subject was sponsor of American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born; American Youth for Democracy; American Committee for Yugoslav Relief; Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy; Civil Rights Congress; National Council of American - Soviet Friendship; National Federation for Constitutional Liberties; Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and Voice of Freedom Committee. Informant of unknown reliability reported ALBERT MARZ, one of the convicted Hollywood Ten, advised subject easily "worned his way out" before House Committee on Un-American Activities; that subject took active part in meetings and the Communist cause.

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THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE FOREIGN BORN

u.s. [Confidential Informant T-1 advised on April 8, 1943] that one ALICE RICHMOND, of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, told the informant that EDWARD G. ROBINSON was invited to a dinner to be held on April 17, 1943, of the "United Nations in America," under the auspices of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, which was to be given as a "tribute to the contributions of the foreign born."

The June, 1943 issue of "The Fraternal Outlook" published an article entitled "I Pledge Allegiance." This article reported that the meaning of full citizenship was recently emphasized at a United Nations in America dinner held at the Hotel Biltmore, New York City, on June 14, 1943, sponsored by the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, and participated in by the International Workers Order. It was reported that at this affair renowned persons of different political shadings paid tribute to everyday Americans, Negro and white, native and foreign born. There appeared a picture of EDWARD G. ROBINSON, with the caption "Edward G. Robinson, Movie Actor, Rumanian born, Praised Uncle Sam's Concern For All."

"The Fraternal Outlook" is the official publication of the International Workers Order, which was designated by the Attorney General as a Communist front organization on September 21, 1945.

[Confidential Informant T-2] furnished a letter of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, which was dated October 27, 1943. This letter reported that the Tenth Anniversary National Conference was to be held by the Committee at the Hotel Commodore, New York City, on October 30 and 31, 1943. The letter urged the addressee to register early at the Conference. This letter bears the name of the subject as a sponsor of the organization.

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[Confidential Informant T-3] furnished a souvenir journal of the Tenth Anniversary National Conference of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, held at the Hotel Commodore, New York City, on October 30 and 31, 1943. This journal carried the name of the subject as a sponsor of the organization.

On February 29, 1944 the "Daily Worker" reported that EDWARD G. ROBINSON and numerous other prominent Americans of foreign birth joined in condemning anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, anti-foreign born and anti-Catholic prejudices as "subversive of our American democracy, in a declaration of American unity made public by the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born." Subject was listed as one of the signers of the Declaration on American Unity.

[Confidential Informant T-4] furnished, on March 29, 1945, a list of sponsors of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born. The name of EDWARD G. ROBINSON was included on this list.

[On February 14, 1947 and April 8, 1947 Confidential Informant T-5] furnished a circular which was distributed on or about December 1, 1946, by the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born. This circular listed the Directors, National Executive Officers and a partial list of the sponsors of the organization. The name of the subject appeared as one of the sponsors.

The American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born was designated by the Attorney General as a Communist front organization on September 21, 1948, pursuant to Executive Order 9835.

AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY

On April 16, 1947 the "New York Daily Mirror"

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published an article which reported that the House Committee on Un-American Activities, on or about April 15, 1947, had declared that "The specter of Communism stalks our college campuses masked under the cloak of the American Youth for Democracy." The article reported that the House Committee, in a lengthy blast against the American Youth for Democracy, said, "Gracing various AYD entertainments, meetings and campaigns or contributing to its magazine 'Spotlight,' is the usual list of sponsors which are invariably found supporting the Communist Party and its front organizations." The name of EDWARD G. ROBINSON was included on this list.

The American Youth for Democracy was designated by the Attorney General as a Communist front organization on September 21, 1948, pursuant to Executive Order 9835.

THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR YUGOSLAV RELIEF, INC.

On September 4, 1947 Confidential Informant T-6 furnished a complete list of the sponsors of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc. The name of EDWARD G. ROBINSON was included on this list.

The American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc. was designated by the Attorney General as a Communist front organization on September 21, 1948, as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

YUGOSLAV NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE OF PEACE

On July 28, 1950 Confidential Informant T-7 advised that the Yugoslav Information Center at 36 Central Park South, New York City, published an article in the Yugoslav Newsletter on July 17, 1950, entitled "A Program for Peace: A Proclamation of the Yugoslav National Committee for Defense of Peace." Informant advised that as a result

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of this proclamation a movement was started in the United States to form a Committee of American Citizens, which Committee would visit Yugoslavia. Informant advised that one of the persons contacted to serve on this Committee was EDWARD G. ROBINSON. (S) u

Informant further advised that the Yugoslav Information Center is the official organization for the Tito Government.

CITIZENS UNITED TO ABOLISH THE WOOD-RANKIN COMMITTEE

On March 14, 1946 the "New York Times," on Page 18, published a full page advertisement of the Citizens United to Abolish the Wood-Rankin Committee. This advertisement reported that on the first day of the 1945 Congress the Wood-Rankin Committee was made a permanent House Committee on Un-American Activities to succeed the old Dies Committee, which was a special committee engaged in the investigation of un-American activities. This advertisement urged the readers to write to their Congressmen, local newspapers and radio stations and to send contributions to the Citizens United to Abolish the Wood-Rankin Committee, Suite 17C, Hotel Astor, New York City. The advertisement listed "just a few of the outstanding Americans who are supporting the fight to abolish the Wood-Rankin Committee." Included on this list was the name of EDWARD G. ROBINSON.

Confidential Informant T-8 advised on December 16, 1949 (S) u that a discussion was held during 1945, among the officials of the Communist Party, relative to plans for forming a front organization to urge the abol-

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ition of the Wood-Rankin Committee of the House of Representatives. Informant was certain that the Citizens United to Abolish the Wood-Rankin Committee was the organization which was formed as a result of these discussions among Communist officials.

COMMITTEE FOR A DEMOCRATIC FAR EASTERN POLICY

U.C. [Confidential Informant T-9, on April 3, 1946, advised that a dinner held at the Roosevelt Hotel, New York City, was sponsored by the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, at which about seven hundred people attended. Informant advised that speeches made at the dinner called for a real political and economic democracy for the Chinese people and for friendship between the United States and the Soviet Union. Messages of congratulations were received and read to the audience from various prominent people, including EDWARD G. ROBINSON.

[Confidential Informant T-10 furnished a copy of a letterhead dated May 29, 1946, of the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, 58 Park Avenue, New York City. The name of EDWARD G. ROBINSON appears as a sponsor on this letterhead.] (S) u

[Confidential Informant T-11 furnished a copy of a letterhead of the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, which was dated October, 1946. Among the sponsors listed on this letterhead was the name EDWARD G. ROBINSON.] J u

U.C. [Confidential Informant T-12 furnished, on April 24, 1946, a letterhead of the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy dated February 14, 1947. The name of EDWARD G. ROBINSON is listed as a sponsor on this letterhead.] J

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[Confidential Informant T-12] <sup>U</sup> also furnished a letterhead of the aforementioned Committee dated March 17, 1947, on which appeared the name of EDWARD G. ROBINSON, as a sponsor.

The Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy was designated by the Attorney General as a Communist front organization on April 21, 1949, pursuant to Executive Order 9835.

CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS

The "Daily Worker" of April 5, 1946, under the caption "Call Conferences on Civil Rights," reported that a "National Congress on Civil Rights to unify the many campaigns now being waged, will be held April 27 and 28, 1946 in Detroit, Michigan." The article reported that one of the initiators of the conferences was EDWARD G. ROBINSON.

[Confidential Informant T-13, on April 17, 1946,] <sup>U</sup> furnished a copy of an "Urgent Summons to a Congress on Civil Rights," to be held at Detroit, Michigan on April 27 and 28, 1946. The above-mentioned summons contained a list of the names of the members of the Initiating Committee, on which appeared the name of EDWARD G. ROBINSON.

[Confidential Informant T-11] <sup>U</sup> furnished a copy of a circular entitled "Urgent Summons to a Congress on Civil Rights" which was to be held in Detroit, Michigan on April 27 and 28, 1946. There appeared among the names on the Initiating Committee that of EDWARD G. ROBINSON.

The Civil Rights Congress was designated by the Attorney General as a Communist front organization on September 21, 1948, pursuant to Executive Order 9835.

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INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' COMMITTEE OF THE ARTS, SCIENCES  
AND PROFESSIONS

The "Daily Worker" of December 24, 1944, Page 14, Column 1, reported that the name of EDWARD G. ROBINSON was listed as one of the "initiating sponsors" of a new Independent Citizens' Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions which was organized "for political action to secure victory and security." The new Committee is an outgrowth of the Independent Voters' Committee.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Confidential Informant T-14 advised on March 16, 1945 that EDWARD G. ROBINSON was one of the better known members of the Independent Citizens' Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Confidential Informant T-1, advised that EDWARD G. ROBINSON was listed as a sponsor of the Arts Division of the Independent Citizens' Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Confidential Informant T-8 advised on July 15, 1947 that Informant attended meetings of the "Daily Worker" Cultural Committee during which the Communist Party's program in Hollywood was discussed, and that [redacted] of the Cultural Committee, had been in constant contact with Hollywood and played an important part in the program. Informant distinctly recalled that [redacted] discussed, during one of the Cultural Committee meetings held probably in 1943 or 1944, plans for the formation of the Independent Citizens' Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions and the desirability of various individuals he considered satisfactory to be made leaders of the Independent Citizens' Committee. [redacted] mentioned to the Informant that EDWARD G. ROBINSON was one of the people who could be relied upon.

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The "People's Voice" dated July 22, 1954 listed EDWARD G. ROBINSON as a member of the National Citizens' Political Action Committee. The latter Committee subsequently merged with the Independent Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions in 1946.

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[Confidential Informant T-15] advised on June 22, 1945 that the name of EDWARD G. ROBINSON appeared as initiating sponsor on a letterhead of the Independent Citizens' Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions which held a conference of the Arts, Sciences and Professions on June 22 and 23rd, 1945 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City.

The Independent Citizens' Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, according to Confidential Informant T-16, was initiated and organized by the Communist Party as a front organization. <sup>(S) u</sup>

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

[Confidential Informant T-17, on November 1, 1943, furnished a pamphlet entitled "Call to the Congress of American Soviet Friendship Commemorating the 10th Anniversary of American Soviet Relations, November 6, 7 and 8, 1943". The name of EDWARD G. ROBINSON is listed as one of the sponsors of the Congress.] (e) u

On November 12, 1944, the Magazine Section of the "Daily Worker", page 6, printed an article entitled "Sponsors of United States-Soviet Friendship Celebrations". The name EDWARD G. ROBINSON is listed as one of the 200 sponsors of the celebrations held throughout the country marking the anniversary on November 16, 1944, of the establishment of American-Soviet Friendship. The article reported that a celebration was to take place at Madison Square Garden, New York City, on Thursday evening, November 16, 1944.

The "Daily Worker" dated November 21, 1944, listed among other names that of EDWARD G. ROBINSON as one of the screen stars who signed a telegram greeting the American-Soviet Friendship rally at Madison Square Garden the previous Thursday. The telegram is as follows:

"In time to come the recognition of the Soviet Union by the United States will be remembered as the beginning of an era which brought savagery, ignorance and hunger to an end. It will be remembered as the first step taken toward new horizons of a world where security and culture are meant for the happiness of all people everywhere. On this occasion Hollywood wishes to add its voice to the voice of all Americans handling the mutual bond which exists and which will continue to grow between our great country and our great allies. In this friendship lies not only the hope but the future of the world".

(e) u [Confidential Informant T-18 advised on April 15, 1945] that the name of EDWARD G. ROBINSON of Beverly Hills, California was listed among others in the membership list of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship.

[Confidential Informant T-19, on February 22, 1945, advised that at the Red Army 27th anniversary dinner, held at

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the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City, EDWARD G. ROBINSON, motion picture actor, at the completion of the dinner, rose and offered a toast to the memory of George Washington, the armies of the revolution, present day overseas armies in Europe and the Far East, and to their commander-in-chief.

The "Daily Worker" for February 23, 1945 published an account concerning the Red Army Day dinner held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City on February 22, 1945. This article reported that EDWARD G. ROBINSON, film star, was one of the speakers at the dinner.

The New York "Herald Tribune" of February 23, 1945 reported that EDWARD G. ROBINSON, film actor, at a Red Army birthday on February 22, 1945, offered a series of toasts to Marshal STALIN, President ROOSEVELT, the Red Army, the American Army, and George Washington.

The "Fraternal Outlook" for April 1945, page 11, published an article entitled "Americans Celebrate Red Army Day--American-Soviet Cooperation Hailed". This article reported on the banquet organized by the National Council of American Soviet Friendship held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City on February 22, 1945 to celebrate the 27th anniversary of the great Red Army of the Soviet Union. It reported that EDWARD G. ROBINSON was one of the speakers. The article further reported that "Famous movie star EDWARD G. ROBINSON received shouts of approval as he concluded his remarks with 'Da Zdrastvooyet Krachnaya Armea! Za Pobyedoo! Long live the Red Army! Forward to victory!' There also appears a picture of EDWARD G. ROBINSON captioned 'Bottoms up' to the Red Army on George Washington's birthday." The photograph of ROBINSON together with Soviet Military Attache Colonel I. SARAKV, Soviet Major General BERLOV, ZLATKO BALOKOVIC of the IWO and Vice President of the American Slav Congress was printed accompanying the above article.

The "Fraternal Outlook" for April 1946, pages 2 and 3, carries an article entitled "Friendship for Peace". This article refers to a rally held at Madison Square Garden in November 1945 to celebrate American-Soviet friendship on the

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occasion of the anniversaries of the resumption of USA-USSR diplomatic relations and the founding of the Soviet Union. The article reports that the expressions on that occasion are so timely that they are being presented in part for the readers' attention. Among the expressions listed is the following of EDWARD G. ROBINSON (together with a small picture):

"Constant cooperation. Recognizing the necessity of constant cooperation between our country and the Soviet Union for maintaining world peace, it is a privilege to hail the double anniversaries of the establishing of diplomatic relations between us and the founding of the Soviet state. May our unity grow stronger, our understanding fuller, and our cooperation greater. Signed, EDWARD G. ROBINSON" (S)(u)

[On April 20, 1946, Confidential Informant T-20] (S)(u) advised that [redacted] of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship, advised informant and [redacted] author, that EDWARD G. ROBINSON was to be invited to the reception to be held at the Waldorf Astoria on May 9, 1946 in honor of the three visiting Soviet literary figures, namely, ILIA WERENBURG of "Izvestia", KONSTANTIN SIMONOV of "Red Star", and Major General MIKHAIL A. GALANTJEROV of "Pravda", who were visiting the United States. [redacted] advised that anti-Soviet and Trotskyites would not be invited but that the name of EDWARD G. ROBINSON was with his approval.

(S)(u) Confidential Informant T-21 advised on March 22, 1949] that the membership list of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship contained the name of EDWARD G. ROBINSON, Beverly Hills, California.

The National Council of American Soviet Friendship has been designated as a Communist front organization on September 21, 1945, by the Attorney General, Executive Order 9835.

NATIONAL FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES

In 1945 the name of EDWARD G. ROBINSON, actor, Hollywood, California, appeared as a signer of a statement by the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties in support of the Army order regarding criteria for judging loyalty and

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granting commissions and making other Army appointments which was set out in a circular issued by the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties.

The National Federation for Constitutional Liberties was designated as a Communist front organization by the Attorney General on September 21, 1948, Executive Order 9835.

VETERANS OF THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE

The New York "Journal American" on September 20, 1946 published an article over the signature of HOWARD RUSKOFF which commented on the greetings reportedly received by the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade from EDWARD G. ROBINSON and others.

On September 20, 1946, the "Daily Worker", page 6, listed EDWARD G. ROBINSON as one of the twelve prominent Americans who sent greetings to the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade on the occasion of its national convention. The same issue of the "Daily Worker" also published a photograph of EDWARD G. ROBINSON, who was described as having sent greetings to the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade convention, and quoted ROBINSON as writing, "Today it is not enough just being a liberal. One must be militantly anti-Fascist and in so doing, hail the valorous deeds of those who first saw the threat of Fascism in Spain and courageously fought against it."

In this article of the "Daily Worker" also appeared a statement issued by ROBERT THOMPSON, Communist Party State Chairman. This statement, according to the "Daily Worker", is reported as: "Communist veteran leaders yesterday appealed to all Communist and progressive veterans of World War II to participate in the parade and memorial service which will precede the opening of the first post-war convention of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade."

[Confidential Informant T-23, on September 23, 1946,] <sup>1/2</sup> <sub>u</sub>  
furnished a report concerning the national convention of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade which was held on September 21 and 22, 1946 at the Fraternal Clubhouse, 110 West 48th Street, New York City. Informant advised that

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messages of congratulations received from various prominent people including EDWARD G. ROBINSON were read at the convention.

W-6 [Confidential Informant T-24 advised in a report dated September 23, 1946, that at the convention of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade held September 21 and 22, 1946, greetings were received from EDWARD G. ROBINSON.

The Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade was designated by the Attorney General as a Communist front organization on September 21, 1948, Executive Order 9835.

#### JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE

W-6 [On December 23, 1946 a report was received from Confidential Informant T-25 which related that a meeting called "A Christmas Salute to Spanish Republicans" and sponsored by the Spanish Refugee Appeal, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, was held at Madison Square Garden on December 16, 1946. During the course of the meeting, informant advised that various messages addressed to the meeting were read, including one from EDWARD G. ROBINSON which stated: "If it were possible for me to participate in the Christmas salute I would love to do it, but unfortunately studio commitments will hold me here. Convey all good wishes to those organizing and those participating in this worthy project. Best always".

W-6 [Confidential Informant I-26 advised on December 27, 1946 that EDWARD G. ROBINSON was among those who sent messages to the Spanish Refugee Appeal rally of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, which was held at Madison Square Garden, New York City, on December 16, 1946.

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee was designated by the Attorney General as a Communist front organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835, on September 21, 1948.

#### VOICE OF FREEDOM COMMITTEE

[On July 1, 1947, Confidential Informant I-27 furnished a letter dated June 16, 1947 on the letterhead of the

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Voice of Freedom Committee entitled "VOF Condemns White-Wolverton Bill". The name of EDWARD G. ROBINSON appears on this letterhead as one of the sponsors of the organization. The White-Wolverton Bill apparently would require radio commentators to disclose their source of information and place certain limitations on them regarding political broadcasts.

Confidential Informant T-27 also furnished a letterhead of the Voice of Freedom Committee dated January 15, 1949 which reflects that EDWARD G. ROBINSON was a sponsor of the committee.

The Voice of Freedom Committee was cited as a Communist front organization by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, report of 1949, page 2989.

The January 17, 1949 issue of "National Guardian", organ of the Progressive Party, reported that the Voice of Freedom Committee serves unofficially as a watch dog of radio; they nearly 2,000 listening posts were created to cover the more important commentators and to report their virtues and delinquencies. Further, that the committee took shape some two years ago when liberal commentators were driven off the air. According to this article, the committee had the support of EDWARD G. ROBINSON among others.

The booklet "Red Channels" - "The Report of Communist Influence in Radio and Television", published by "Counterattack", 35 West 42nd Street, New York City, on pages 122 and 123, sets out the following information concerning EDWARD G. ROBINSON - Actor, Screen, Radio:

Reported as:

"American Committee for  
Protection of Foreign Born

Sponsor. House Un-American  
Activities Committee.  
Index II, page 3126.

Civil Rights Congress

Initiator, National Congress,  
April 27, 1946. House Un-  
American Activities Committee.  
Index II, page 3142.

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"Reported as:

Hollywood Independent Citizens  
Committee of the Arts, Sciences  
and Professions

Member, Executive Council.  
Un-American Activities in  
California, 1946, page 235.

Confidential Informant T-28, of unknown reliability, advised on February 12, 1951 that ALBERT MALTZ, one of the convicted Hollywood 10, advised that ROBINSON easily "worked his way out" before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. MALTZ advised informant that he was very friendly with ROBINSON and that he, MALTZ, wrote the speech that ROBINSON made before the American Legion convention in 1946. Informant stated that MALTZ claims to have attended meetings with ROBINSON as late as 1946 and that ROBINSON took an active part in the meetings and the Communist cause. (S)(U)

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On November 13, 1942, the SS QUEEN ELIZABETH arrived at the port of New York with 561 civilian passengers. Among them was EDWARD G. ROBINSON. ROBINSON, upon interview, advised that he was a native of Rumania, a naturalized citizen, and that he was returning to the United States for permanent residence at his home in Beverly Hills, California. He advised that his occupation was that of actor, under contract to Warner Brothers, Burbank, California; that he would stay in New York City for one night at the Hotel Pierre. He exhibited United States Government official passport #81059 issued October 14, 1942 by the State Department, Washington. This passport contained visa #192005 issued November 5, 1942 at the United States Embassy, London.

On June 14, 1945, Confidential Informant T-29 advised that [redacted] an [redacted] of the Jewish Council, Russian War Relief, Portland, Oregon, and closely associated with the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission officials, conferred with informant at the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission. [redacted] advised that he had just returned from Los Angeles where he had attended a celebration honoring the Russian delegation. He advised that there were 5,000 to 6,000 people at the celebration and that at this celebration EDWARD G. ROBINSON welcomed the Russians, stating during his address, "Mr. HEARST, if through your lies you expect to mislead us and ruin the relations between the Russian and American people, you are wrong. We are not listening." (S) (u)

The "New York Daily News" of October 1, 1946 contained an article which reported that EDWARD G. ROBINSON and other film stars were named by MATTHEW WOLFE, Vice President of the A.F. of L., as Communist sympathizers. It stated that the A.F. of L. officer made his charges in an editorial of the "American Photo Engraver", a trade union publication.

By letter dated January 27, 1951, the Los Angeles Office, in a letter to the Bureau, requested the New York Office to interview [redacted] b7c(7D)

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[REDACTED] was of the opinion that subject and his wife were loyal Americans.

[REDACTED] was "proud to call them (subject and wife) my friends".

[REDACTED] was not furnished with any information regarding the subject.

The Los Angeles letter of January 27, 1951 also contained a request for a documentation on the National Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism, for which organization the subject was a sponsor. The New York Office has no information which would definitely indicate that the National Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism is a Communist front organization.

In Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated February 9, 1951, the New York Office was requested to interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] regarding statements made by him in November 1940 that he knew from an unimpeachable source that the subject was a Communist.

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[REDACTED] stated that his source that the subject was a Communist was a general opinion he received while he was in Hollywood in [REDACTED] and that this information came to him from [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] had no definite information regarding the subject. The Bureau and Los Angeles were advised of the foregoing by teletype dated February 23, 1951.

[REDACTED] advised that room 304 of 512 Fifth Avenue was occupied from April 1942 to April 1944 by the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born. Therefore, it appears that subject's name was used by the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born for solicitation purposes.

By letter dated February 19, 1951, the Los Angeles Office suggested that interviews be conducted with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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1. Confidential Reference numbers in the report of SA [redacted] dated March 10, 1956, at New York, New York, are as follows:

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1-2

Reference made to report  
concerning information in the  
New York Office. No source  
available.

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Reference made to report  
concerning information in the  
New York Office. No source  
available.

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Confidential reference to [redacted]  
New York Office. No source  
available. b7D

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b2 [redacted] was furnished information  
to SA [redacted] on 1/10/56 to [redacted]  
[redacted] and to SA [redacted]  
on 1/10/56. b7C

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b2 [redacted] was furnished information  
to SA [redacted] b7C

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b2 [redacted] was furnished information  
to SA [redacted] b7C

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b2 [redacted] was furnished information  
to SA [redacted] b7C

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b2 [redacted] was furnished information  
to SA [redacted] b7C

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The files of the International  
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and American Institute  
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which files were reviewed from 1/1/50 through 1/29/50, by agents of the New York Office.

- 1-11 b7D [redacted] Considered who was stopped for the John A. Clemente Associates, 270 West 51st Street, New York City and received by [redacted] b7C in November of 1947.
- 1-12 b2 [redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted] b7C
- 1-13 b2 [redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted] b7C
- 1-14 b2 [redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted] b7C
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- 1-16 b2 [redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted] b7C on February 6, 1950.
- 1-17 b7D [redacted] of the Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital, who furnished information to SA [redacted] b7C
- 1-18 Anonymous source.
- 1-19 b7D Detective [redacted], Alien Squad, New York City Police Department, who furnished information to SA [redacted] b7C
- 1-20 b2 [redacted] b7C

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1-27	b2	[redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted] b7C
1-28		Embroidered file or from communications maintained in the New York Office. No source available.
1-29	b2	[redacted] who furnishes information to SA [redacted] b7C
1-30	b7D	Descriptive [redacted] Shield [redacted] Shield [redacted] Shield [redacted] and [redacted] Shield [redacted] is a member of the New York City Police Department.
1-31		[redacted], alias [redacted], New York City Police Department.
1-32	b2	[redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted] b7C
1-33	b2	[redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted] b7C
1-34	b7D	[redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted] on February 22, 1951. b7C
1-35	b2	[redacted] as contained in Portland Report of SA [redacted] dated July 22, 1945, entitled "RECEIVED FROM AS IS COMMISSION OF NEW YORK CITY OF THE UNITED STATES, INTERNAL SECURITY - R."

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: May 7, 1951

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: EDWARD DOUGL ROBINSON, aka  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
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Reference is made to summary report of Special Agent [redacted] dated February 27, 1951, at Los Angeles, and Seattle teletype dated March 15, 1951, both in captioned matter.

With regard to lead set forth for this office in referenced report to check the records of the Passport Division, Department of State, for any information concerning ROBINSON in such files since 1944, a review of pertinent files reflects the following information.

On June 9, 1944, the Passport Division, Department of State, received a telegram from EDWARD C. ROBINSON in which ROBINSON advised that the Office of War Information, through ROBERT RISKIN, had asked ROBINSON to proceed to England where he was to perform a mission for the Royal Air Force and the British Ministry of Information. ROBINSON advised that he was scheduled to leave the United States on June 15, 1944, and stated that the last passport issued to him had been issued in Washington, D. C., in October, 1943, and had been surrendered by him on his return to the United States in November, 1943.

The passport records further reflect that Passport No. 55375 was issued to ROBINSON at San Francisco, California, on June 15, 1944. It was noted in this connection ROBINSON stated that he had resided in England from June, 1936, to January, 1937, and that he now planned to leave the United States at New York on June 24, 1944.

On August 16, 1944, ROBINSON's passport was validated for return from Europe to the United States direct or via Canada and Newfoundland, and was extended for three. It was further reflected that Passport No. 55375 was surrendered by ROBINSON on his return to the United States at Baltimore, Maryland, on August 20, 1944, via British Overseas Airways plane "Bangor" from Foynes, Eire, via Newfoundland.

The passport file pertaining to subject further reflects that Passport No. 55375, on January 31, 1945, was validated for Cuba for personal business and was extended to include the name of the subject's wife, GLADYS LLOYD ROBINSON. ROBINSON indicated that he proposed to travel to Cuba by plane, and listed his address at that time as c/o The Honey-Plaza Hotel, Miami, Florida.

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On April 30, 1948, ROBINSON applied for a passport in order to visit France, Great Britain, Italy, and Switzerland for business purposes. He advised specifically that he proposed to look over the motion picture situation in France, England and Italy concerning the possibilities of future productions. The records reflect that Passport No. 201740 was issued to ROBINSON on May 4, 1948.

The Passport Division files of the Department of State further reflect a renewal application by ROBINSON dated April 25, 1950. At that time ROBINSON requested that Passport No. 201740 be renewed in order to facilitate his trip to Europe for the purpose of completing business concerning a motion picture entitled "My Daughter Joy" in which he had recently acted and in which he had a participating interest. ROBINSON stated that he also wished to consider and investigate offers to appear on the Continent. ROBINSON indicated that he planned to leave the United States in June, 1950. The records reflect that his passport was renewed on May 3, 1950, to expire May 2, 1952.

In connection with the above renewal application, it was noted that ROBINSON stated that he had resided from July, 1948, to August 19, 1948, in France and Italy; from June, 1947, to November 17, 1949, in England, France, Italy and Germany; and from February, 1950, to March 1, 1950, in France, Italy, Spain and Israel. He indicated that such foreign residence had been based upon business purposes. ROBINSON indicated that he proposed to travel to Europe from New York in June, 1950, by air.

With regard to the lead set forth in referenced Seattle teletype, as to interview of [redacted] this office plans no further action in this regard in the absence of specific Bureau instructions as to the desirability of such interview. - P -

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 100-134207  
 Report of SA [REDACTED] dated December 3, 1945, at  
 Los Angeles, California.

DETAILS: Investigation of EDWARD G. ROBINSON is being reactivated at this time. The following information represents a complete file review on ROBINSON and present information regarding his current activities. This review reflects a definite possibility that ROBINSON is involved in Russian espionage. Over a period of years he has associated with many persons from the Russian Consulate and both he and his wife have been entertained by Soviet officials on various occasions. The instant investigation is to determine whether ROBINSON is now or has in the past been engaged in activities on behalf of the Soviet Government.

PERSONAL HISTORY

[REDACTED] that EDWARD G. ROBINSON is the son of MORRIS and SARAH GOLDBERG and was born at Bucharest, Rumania, on December 12, 1893, his name at that time being EMANUEL GOLDBERG. His father, MORRIS GOLDBERG, and family arrived in the United States in 1903.

[REDACTED] passport #310697 was issued to EDWARD G. ROBINSON for travel to Europe. He stated he was born in Bucharest, Rumania, on December 12, 1893, and that he came to the United States in 1903 and was naturalized through his father, MORRIS GOLDBERG, who was born in Russia in 1861 and immigrated to the United States in 1901 or 1902. According to the above record, GOLDBERG was naturalized in New York City September 2, 1909. The above application contains a stamp indicating that a naturalization certificate of ROBINSON's father was seen by the clerk of the State Department.

ROBINSON is supposed to have married his wife, GLADYS LLOYD ROBINSON, on January 21, 1927. The Los Angeles Division has been unable to determine the exact birthdate of his wife and investigation is presently being conducted to determine her place and date of birth.

EDUCATION

A review of the files reflects that ROBINSON attended the Townsend Harris High School from 1907 to 1910; State College in New York from September, 1910, to June, 1911, at which time he withdrew to enter the American Academy of Dramatic Art. He attended Columbia University from September, 1915, to February, 1918, and also attended the summer school session of 1918. The records further show that he registered for the spring term of 1925. He studied art, but did not receive a degree or grades.

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 [REDACTED] reflects that EDWARD G. ROBINSON was in the United States Navy in World War I in 1918 and that he was stationed at Falham Base Training School and that his linguistic ability was responsible for his being attached to the intelligence service. [REDACTED] ROBINSON considers himself fitted best for intelligence work, propaganda and public relations. Among his talents, EDWARD G. ROBINSON listed familiarity with the following languages: French, German, Italian, Spanish, Rumanian, Russian, Yiddish and Hebrew. b1

TRAVEL

With reference to ROBINSON's foreign travel, a review of the Subject's passport file indicates that he has received the following passports:

Passport Number	Date	Travel
74326	6/7/29	France, England, Holland, Belgium, Austria, Hungary
Renewed 14386	11/25/31	France, Germany and Rumania
21059	8/28/35	England and France
55375	10/14/42	England and France
	6/15/44	England

EMPLOYMENT

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 [REDACTED] ROBINSON appeared in the show, "Paid in Full," in Binghamton, New York in 1913. His first New York stage appearance was at the Hudson Theater in August, 1915. From 1915 to 1928 Subject appeared on the New York stage every season in one or more plays. His first film was with Warner Brothers in 1923 and from that time to date he has appeared in a score or more of pictures and is considered one of the prominent character actors in Hollywood.

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POSSIBLE ESPIONAGE CONTACTS

The "Hollywood Reporter" of June 5, 1944, carried a news article indicating that EDWARD G. ROBINSON was going to England to do a film for the Royal Air Force and that while there he would broadcast for the Office of War Information.

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[REDACTED] had requested that permission be granted for EDWARD G. ROBINSON to leave the United States for England [REDACTED]

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It is recalled that EDWARD G. ROBINSON had a party or a showing of his paintings in his home at 910 Rexford Drive during the period mentioned above, at which time he invited thirty or forty people to attend. This party was given primarily for the benefit of six or seven Russians who were visiting Los Angeles as dignitaries, most of them being members of the Soviet armed forces. [REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b1

The Los Angeles Times carried a story on August 22, 1943, that EDWARD G. ROBINSON was among those who would greet the visitors at the Shrine Auditorium. Officials of the Russian Consulate at Los Angeles stated the Shrine Auditorium had been sold out and that EDWARD G. ROBINSON had approved the text. According to the Times of August 27, 1943, EDWARD G. ROBINSON spoke at the Shrine rally.

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on a nation-wide radio broadcast presenting a skit prepared by DALTON TRUMBO and TRUE BOARDMAN in connection with the League of American Writers, which is a Communist front organization. DALTON TRUMBO is a screen writer and was a member of the Northwest Section of the Los Angeles CPA and TRUE BOARDMAN, as of 1941, was on the Executive Board of the Hollywood Democratic Committee, which is a Communist dominated organization and very active politically.

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the publication, "Hollywood Reporter," on November 21, 1941, carried a story indicating that Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD G. ROBINSON were active in promoting a concert at the Shrine Auditorium on December 3, 1941, under the sponsorship of the Russian Benefit Committee. EDWARD G. ROBINSON was also listed as a sponsor for a concert held December 31, 1941, at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles under the sponsorship of the Russian War Relief and was present at this concert.

It was learned from [REDACTED] b1 Russian War Relief sponsored a "Tribute to Russia" program at the Hollywood Bowl, this particular date being the anniversary of the German invasion of the Soviet Union. BORIS MORROS was producer of this show and among those participating were LEOPOLD STOKOWSKY and EDWARD G. ROBINSON.

[REDACTED] b1  
EDWARD G. ROBINSON was on the program of the Shrine Auditorium on November 16, 1943, which was sponsored by the Los Angeles Council of American Soviet Friendship.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Los Angeles Division received a communication dated February 25, 1948, set out in full as follows:

"Dear Sir:

"A remark dropped to me by a gentleman of red leanings who thinks I am of that ilk. The information is that EDWARD ROBINSON who was born with a strictly Russian name holds secret meetings at his palatial home and is attended by Reds of the upper strata. As a front they are supposed to inspect his gallery of paintings.

"These visitors are actors, writers, and members of the motion picture industry.

"ROBINSON is recognized as one of our great character actors. I think it a good idea to investigate these meetings, and perhaps it might develop into something worth while.

"s/ 'An American'

The above letter was forwarded to the Laboratory and a check was made for latent fingerprints and it was also compared with known handwriting in the espionage handwriting file.

On March 5, 1948, Special Agents of the Los Angeles Division observed a meeting of the "Committee of 1,000" which was held at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel under the auspices of the Arts, Sciences and Professions Division of the P.C.A. Investigation and confidential information, however, indicate that actually this affair was a function of the newly-organized national group called "Committee of 1,000." The above meeting was a dinner attended by some four hundred persons at which Professor HARLOW SHAPLEY of the Harvard Observatory gave the main address.

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At the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, Agents personally identified the following individuals who are well known CP members or Communist suspects:

[REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED]  
EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Of the above individuals, it is pointed out that with the exception of three all are well known CP members who are prominent in the Party's cultural club in Hollywood. The three exceptions are [REDACTED] and EDWARD G. ROBINSON. b7c

SHAPIRO's speech was an attack on the Thomas Committee and a defense of the recently-indicted film writers referred to as "The Unfriendly Ten," who are presently under indictment for contempt of Congress. Donations were solicited for a defense fund for "The Ten" and it was subsequently announced that a sum of \$15,000 had been raised.

[REDACTED] b7c, d  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] b7d  
[REDACTED]  
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The files reflect that [REDACTED] was employed by EDWARD G. ROBINSON as of February, 1945. b7c

The Los Angeles Division advised the Bureau and New York Division by letter dated April 12, 1948, regarding GLADYS ROBINSON's possible departure for France. The New York Division was requested to determine any information regarding her departure and also regarding the exhibition of her paintings in Paris.

The New York Division advised by letter dated April 24, 1948, that GLADYS ROBINSON sailed on April 21, 1948, on the S.S. DeGrasse for Paris, where she expects to exhibit her own paintings at the Weil Galleries in Paris until about July 1, 1948. Although EDWARD G. ROBINSON was in New York at that time, he did not sail with GLADYS ROBINSON; however, it is believed he will join her in the very near future.

This Hollywood Reporter for April 21, 1948, carried a news item which reflected that EDWARD G. ROBINSON would join his wife in Paris in May when "Key Largo" is finished. According to the information in this article, GLADYS ROBINSON was to exhibit her paintings at the Signet Galleries there.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE NEW YORK DIVISION

[REDACTED] b1  
Will reinterview [REDACTED] b7d and obtain all information regarding ROBINSON's membership in the Communist Party.

Will determine the nature and general business reputation of A. Silka and Company, 660 Fifth Avenue, and C. T. Loo & Company, 4 E. 57th, New York 22, New York.

[REDACTED] b7E  
Will review New York indices on EDWARD G. ROBINSON and wife, GLADYS LLOYD ROBINSON, for any information of a possible espionage significance not previously reported.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

[REDACTED] b1  
[REDACTED] (c)  
Will check the indices and identify [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED]

Will review indices on EDWARD G. ROBINSON and wife for any information or contacts of possible espionage significance not previously reported.

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THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION

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At Los Angeles, California: Will continue to report information secured through informants of this office.

[REDACTED] (C) b1  
Will make further investigation regarding the nationalistic sympathies of [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] b2, b7E  
[REDACTED] b1  
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On February 1, 1945, EDWARD G. ROBINSON submitted an application for an amendment of his Passport No. 55375, issued March 15, 1944, to include the name of his wife, GLADYS LLOYD ROBINSON. This passport amendment application was acted upon favorably.

A search of the passport records, U. S. Department of State was caused by Special Agent [redacted] concerning [redacted] No record of any passport application could be located.

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The San Francisco and New York Offices are being furnished with one copy of this report for information purposes since it is noted that EDWARD G. ROBINSON is a contact of [REDACTED]

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
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ASIA INSTITUTE

DATE: April 20, 1949

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Pursuant to your request, there are attached hereto completely blind memoranda on each of the above.

All information appearing in these three memoranda is limited strictly to public source information and is designed only to briefly identify the two individuals and the Institute. These memoranda do not set forth complete public source information available on Robinson and [REDACTED] *b7c*

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EDWARD G. ROBINSON

BACKGROUND

Edward G. Robinson, an actor, was born in Bucharest, Rumania, on December 12, 1893, and his real name is Emmanuel Goldenberg. He came to the United States in 1903 and obtained his education at the College of the City of New York, Columbia University and the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City. He served in the United States Navy during World War I and with the Office of War Information during World War II. His home address is 910 Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

ACTIVITIES

(1947-48 International Motion Picture Almanac, Who's Who in America, 1946-47)

In 1945, Robinson was a member of the National Committee of Sponsors for the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief and in March, 1945, he was a speaker at a dedication meeting of the organization in Los Angeles, California. (100-337779-57, pg. 2, LA "Downtown Shopping News, 2-13-45, LA "Times" 3-28-45)

In February of 1944, the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born announced that a group of nationally known figures in arts, labor, et cetera, had signed a declaration condemning discrimination against Negroes and other minority groups and Robinson was one of the signers.

(100-337779-57, pg. 3, "Daily Worker", 2-18-44)

In November, 1944, Robinson wired greetings to a meeting sponsored by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship held in Madison Square Garden celebrating the 27th Anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Union and also celebrating the 11th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and Russia. In February of 1945, Robinson was also the sponsor of a Red Army Day dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City sponsored by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. (100-337779-57, pg. 3 and 4, "Daily Worker" 11-21-44 and 2-23-45)

In December of 1945, Robinson was scheduled to present an award by the American Youth for Democracy to Sergeant Bill Mauldin at an AYD "Welcome Home Joe" dinner to be held on December 12, 1945, at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City.

(100-337779-57, pg. 4, "Daily Worker" 12-7-45)

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Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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In July of 1945, Robinson was a member of the Executive Council of the Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. (100-337779-57, pg. 4, "Variety", "Hollywood Reporter" of 7-11-45)

In September of 1946, Robinson sent greetings to the National Convention of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade held in New York City. (100-337779-57, pg. 5 and 6, NY "Journal-American", 9-20-46 and "Daily Worker" 9-20-46)

In September of 1946, Robinson was one of the sponsors of a Conference on China and the Far East to be held in San Francisco in October, 1946, under the joint auspices of the Committee to Win the Peace and the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy. (100-337779-57, pgs. 6 and 7, "People's Daily World", 9-6-46; San Francisco "Chronicle", 9-6-46)

On October 25, 1947, Robinson attended a meeting of the Committee for the First Amendment held in Los Angeles. (100-138754-A, LA "Times" 4-9-48)

Of the organizations previously mentioned, the following have been cited as Communist organizations by the Attorney General of the United States in connection with the Loyalty Order: American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, American Youth for Democracy, and Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

The two following organizations previously mentioned were cited as Communist front organizations by the California Joint Fact-Finding Committee in its 1948 report: Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions and the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy.

(All of the above information with the exception of the meeting on October 25, 1947, of the Committee for the First Amendment was taken from a public source summary on Robinson (100-337779-57) dated 9-17-47, which according to a memo by Mr. Nichols had been approved by the Director, Mr. Tolson, Mr. Tamm, Mr. McIntire, Mr. Carlson, Mr. Ladd and Mr. Nichols.)



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aka Emanuel Goldenberg  
Emanuel Goldberg

ORGANIZATIONS CITED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee

Robinson spoke at mass rally in Los Angeles, sponsored by above organization. Cited by Attorney General on December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948.

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American Committee for European Relief

Robinson listed as sponsor of this organization.

"Los Angeles Downtown Shopping News",  
February 13, 1945. A reliable source,  
September 4, 1947. 100-332879-4, page 6

Robinson spoke on the occasion of the dedication of this organization in Los Angeles. Cited by Attorney General June 1, 1948 and September 21, 1948.

"Los Angeles Times", March 28, 1945.  
100-332879-5, page 32

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National Council of American-Soviet Friendship

Robinson attended and offered a toast at a Red Army Day dinner in New York City, sponsored by the above organization.

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[REDACTED] who attended meeting, February 23, 1945. 100-116961-572, page 69

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Robinson authored an article appearing in pamphlet entitled "We Have won America", published by above organization and distributed subsequent to August, 1946. This organization has been cited by the Attorney General on December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948.

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National Federation for Constitutional Liberties

Robinson was among those signing statement urging that Communists be permitted to serve in trusted positions in the Armed Forces.

Letter of organization from George Marshall, Chairman, to James F. McGranery, Assistant to AG, dated March 15, 1945. 100-1170-295

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American Youth for Democracy

Robinson was speaker at second anniversary dinner of this organization in New York City on December 12, 1945.

Weekly Survey of Intelligence, December 9-15, 1945, Iraq Service Forces, Headquarters Service Command. 100-1020-3605, page 5

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Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade

Robinson sent greetings to National Convention of this organization, held in New York City on September 21-22, 1946. Cited by Attorney General on December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948.

"New York Journal American", September 20, 1946. "Daily Worker", September 20, 1946. [REDACTED] b1

American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born  
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OTHER RUSSIAN-AMERICAN AND COMMUNIST-INFILTRATED GROUPS

Russian War Relief  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Congress of American-Soviet Friendship  
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Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee of the USSR

Robinson spoke at a meeting before 7,000 persons in Los Angeles, at which two Red Army representatives of above organization appeared.

"People's Daily World", September 4, 1943 (Communist West Coast publication).  
"Daily Worker", August 30, 1943.  
100-225072-4

Committee to Aid Russian Artists

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National Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism

Robinson listed as sponsor of this organization.

Letterhead of organization obtained from [REDACTED] Newsletter  
"Counterattack", September 26, 1945.  
100-258691-4 and 6 b7d

Russian-American Club

Robinson spoke at American Friendship Concert at Los Angeles, sponsored by above organization.

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Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions

Robinson was sponsor of meeting of above organization at Los Angeles on June 27, 1945.

Army Intelligence Summary, 9th Service Command, July 7, 1945. 100-7660-3201

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Robinson is listed as member of the Executive Council of the Hollywood branch of this organization.

"Variety" and "Hollywood Reporter",  
July 11, 1945. 100-102270-21, page 12

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SAC, Los Angeles

Director, FBI

BERNARD E. ROBINSON

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December 16, 1950

Reference is made to the letter dated November 3, 1950, from the captioned subject to the Bureau and the Bureau's acknowledgment dated November 8, 1950, copies of which were made available to you.

For the completion of your file and for your consideration in future investigation in this case, there is enclosed a photostatic copy of subject's testimony before the Committee on Un-American Activities which was sent to the Bureau with subject's letter of November 3. Also attached for your information are two copies of a letter to me from [redacted] and two copies of the Bureau's acknowledgement. b7c

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November 8, 1950

Mr. Edward C. Robinson -  
910 North Euclid Drive  
Beverly Hills, California

TESTIMONY

HEARINGS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE  
ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES EIGHTY-FIRST  
CONGRESS WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 3, 1950, and the transcript of the hearing before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. It was indeed thoughtful of you to bring your observations to my attention. 10037 October 27, 1951

I believe that you have misconceived the true role of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a strictly investigative agency. We have always maintained a position that our organization is a fact-finding agency. Decisions as to prosecutions are entirely within the province of the Attorney General and his assistants and we of the FBI never make any recommendations or suggestions in this regard. I will be glad to retain a copy of the transcript together with your observations as a permanent record in our files as your re-utation against the charges set forth in your communication.

A policy established long ago precludes us from offering any comment concerning information which we may have in our files and I do hope that you will draw no inference from my failure to so comment. It is equally impossible for me to initiate any procedure whereby you could confront an alleged witness. As I said previously, we are strictly an investigative agency and as such it is our duty to ascertain the facts. In so doing we are as interested in collecting evidence to prove the innocence of the accused as we are interested in collecting evidence to prove the guilt of the accused.

Sincerely yours,

CC: Mr. Tolson, Mr. E. A. Tamm, Mr. Clegg, Mr. Glavin, Mr. Ladd, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Rosen, Mr. Tracy, Mr. Carson, Mr. Egan, Mr. Gurnea, Mr. Harbo, Mr. Hendon, Mr. Pennington, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Nease, Mr. Gandy

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910 NORTH REXFORD DRIVE  
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

November 3, 1950

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am taking the liberty of communicating with you by reason of my having had the pleasure of meeting with you and by reason of your position as the head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of our government.

At various times there have been insinuations and whisperings against me which might indicate that I was a Communist, a Communist sympathizer, a subversive or a fellow traveller. I don't know that I was ever formally accused of any of these associations but certainly the insinuations and whisperings have reached me, and I have seen my name listed in the publication "Red Channels" and realize the significance thereof.

I would like for you and the entire world to know that I am not now nor have I at any time been a member of the Communist Party, a Communist sympathizer, a fellow traveller or a subversive. I do not now and never have believed in or espoused the doctrine which I understand Communism represents. I oppose and detest and abhor any form of government or society which maintains itself by ruthlessness, force and tyranny as does Russia and its satellite governments. I am proud of my American citizenship and I would defend the United States of America with all the power and strength that I have against any enemy including Russia, her supporters and her satellites.

ENCLOSURE  
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I have heretofore voluntarily appeared before the members of the staff of the Committee on Un-American Activities. I have insisted that my testimony be sworn to so as to be guilty of perjury if I am untruthful. I am enclosing herewith a signed copy of such testimony so that you may have it for your files and so that I may be subject to prosecution by the F.B.I. if I am untruthful. I indicated to Mr. Louis Russel that I would like to send this copy to you and he was in entire accord.

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It may very well be that you may have some reports which would indicate that I am a Communist, a Communist sympathizer, a fellow traveller or a subversive. If you do, I would be more than pleased to confront any such accuser at any time and place you may designate. I would also be pleased to submit myself for your examination or cross-examination with regard to any and all of my prior activities and expose to you all of my life and my files in connection with any investigation you may see fit to make.

I am fully aware of your preeminent sense of fairness and justice and do not hesitate to make the above mentioned offer. May I ask that you file the enclosed testimony with your records and acknowledge receipt of this communication and the testimony.

Sincerely yours,

Edward G. Robinson

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Records Section

DATE: 12-6-47

FROM : L. P. Nichols

SUBJECT: EDWARD G. ROBINSON,  
formerly Emanuel Goldenberg and Emanuel Goldberg

There is attached hereto a memorandum relating to Edward G. Robinson, formerly Emanuel Goldenberg and Emanuel Goldberg, which sets forth data secured from public sources and which has heretofore been approved by the Director, Mr. Tolson, Mr. Tamm, Mr. McIntire, Mr. Carlson, Mr. Ladd and Mr. Nichols.

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September 17, 1947

EDWARD G. ROBINSON - Summary

(Formerly Emanuel Goldenberg and Emanuel Goldberg)

I. BACKGROUND AND PERSONAL HISTORY

According to "Who's Who in America," Edward G. Robinson was born in Bucharest, Roumania, on December 12, 1893, and is the son of Morris and Sarah Goldenberg. He entered the United States in 1903 and his education was received at the College of the City of New York, Columbia University, and the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. His first professional stage appearance as an actor was in "Paid in Full" in 1913. Robinson served in the U.S. Navy during World War I and, according to the same publication, served with the Office of War Information in World War II.

II. MEMBERSHIP IN AMERICAN-RUSSIAN GROUPS AND IN COMMUNIST INFILTRATED GROUPS

A. Russian War Relief

The "Los Angeles Daily News" in its issue of November 14, 1941, reported that Russian War Relief would sponsor a medical aid to Russia day on December 3, 1941, and set forth the names of the active committee in charge of the ticket sales, which committee list included the name of Edward G. Robinson. (100-37226-38, p. 3)

Through newspaper publicity, it was learned that from February 4, to February 10, 1945, the Baltimore Chapter of Russian War Relief would sponsor an exhibit of photo murals entitled, "Hitler's New Order" at 10 East Lexington, Baltimore. The January 30, 1945 issue of the "Baltimore Star" listed the sponsors for this exhibit and the name of Edward G. Robinson was included. (100-37226-441, p. 4)

B. Congress of American Soviet Friendship

In the November 21, 1944, issue of the "Daily Worker" there appeared a reprint of a telegram from numerous Hollywood movie stars as a greeting to the American Soviet Friendship rally which had been held at Madison Square

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Garden on the previous Thursday. This telegram stated in part as follows: "In time to come the recognition of the Soviet Union by the United States will be remembered as the beginning of an era which brought savagery, ignorance, and hunger to an end. It will be remembered as the first step taken towards new horizons of a world where security and culture are means for the happiness of all people everywhere." The article reported that Robinson was one of the signers of this telegram, and among the other signers were Larry Adler, James Cagney, Charles Chaplin, Olivia De Havilland, John Garfield, Gene Kelly, Gale Sondergaard, and Owen Wilson. (100-146964-A)

C. Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee

It was reported on February 13, 1943, that the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee had issued an undated circular advertising a Childrens Fair for Refugee Youth to be held in April 1942 for the benefit of European refugee children then in Mexico. This circular gave the names of the sponsors of this meeting and the names of Robinson and his wife were both included in the sponsors' list. (100-7061-233)

D. American Committee for Yugoslav Relief *Inc*

The "Los Angeles Downtown Shopping News" for February 13, 1943, contained an article regarding the Los Angeles Committee for Yugoslav Relief and furnished a list of those who had recently been named to membership on the National Committee of sponsors for the organization. This list of sponsors included Robinson. (100-332879-4, p. 6)

The March 28, 1943 issue of the "Los Angeles Times" also contained an article concerning the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief and the fact that the dedication of the organization in Los Angeles had been held in that city. The article mentioned the fact that Robinson was one of the two speakers on the occasion of the dedication. (100-332879-5, p. 3)

The May 18, 1943, issue of "Variety" contained an advertisement reflecting that the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief was sponsoring a dinner at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles for the Yugoslav delegates to the San Francisco Conference, at \$10.00 per person and the advertisement listed Robinson as one of the sponsors of this dinner. (100-332879-7, p. 3)

**E. National Federation of Constitutional Liberties**

The April 30, 1946, issue of the "People's Daily World," contained an article regarding the delegates from Los Angeles who had attended a national meeting in Detroit, Michigan, on April 27 and 28, 1946, which this paper described as a meeting of the National Congress on Civil Rights. This article reported that the Congress had been called by a committee of persons which included Robinson, and the purpose of this meeting had been to "formulate and agree upon a national program to defeat the offensive of reactionary and Fascist forces." (100-334828-11, p. 3)

**F. American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born**

On February 18, 1944, the "Daily Worker" carried an article regarding anti-semitism and racial bias which stated that the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born had announced that a group of nationally known figures in arts, labor, et cetera, had signed a declaration condemning discrimination against negroes and other minority groups. This article listed Robinson as one of those signing the declaration. (100-38784-A)

**XII. ACTIVITIES IN BEHALF OF AMERICAN-RUSSIAN AND COMMUNIST INFLUENCES**  
**GROUPS**

**A. National Council of American Soviet Friendship**

It was reported that on November 16, 1944, the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship held a victory celebration at Madison Square Garden celebrating the 27th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Union and celebrating also the 11th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and Russia. The "Daily Worker" in the issue of November 21, 1944, reported that certain screen stars had wired greetings to the above mentioned Madison Square Garden meeting and listed Robinson as one of the members sending such greetings.

(100-146964-572, p. 64)

The "Daily Worker" on February 23, 1945, carried an account of a Red Army Day dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York sponsored by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship and listed Robinson as one of the sponsors of the program. (100-829-438, p. 30)

**B. Medical Aid to Russia**

The December 3, 1941, issue of the "People's Daily World" contained an article regarding a concert and show which had been held at the Wilshire-Ebell Theater in Los Angeles on November 29, 1941, in behalf of aid for Russia. The article stated that this meeting was sponsored by the Russian-American Society for Medical Aid to Russia and that Robinson had been one of those present at this concert. (100-37226-38, p. 6)

**C. American Youth for Democracy**

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The "Daily Worker" in its issue of December 7, 1945, contained an article regarding the AYD "Welcome Home Joe" Dinner to be held on December 12, 1945, at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City. This article stated that Robinson was scheduled to present an AYD award to Sergeant Bill Mauldin and that the presentation would be made at the banquet by means of a Hollywood telephone hook-up. (61-777-A)

**IV. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES**

**A. Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions**

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The publications "Variety" and "Hollywood Reporter" in their issues of July 11, 1945, printed the names of the members of the executive council of the Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions, described as the successor to the Hollywood Democratic Committee, which council had been recently elected, and showed Robinson as one of the members of the executive council. (100-197270-21, p. 11)

**D. Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions**

The "Sunday Worker" in its issue of December 21, 1944, reported on the formation of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions. Among those named in this article as the initiating sponsors were Louis Adams, James Cagney, Bartley Crum, Howard Fast, William S. Hallmark, Lillian Hellman, Langston Hughes, Canada Lee, Paul Robeson, and Edward G. Robinson. The article further stated that this group was an outgrowth of the Independent Voters Committee of the Arts and Sciences for Roosevelt.

(100-338892-46)

The "Los Angeles Daily News" in its issue of June 13, 1945, reported that a conference on the postwar world, sponsored by the IOCMF of Hollywood and New York, was scheduled to be held on June 22 and 23, 1945 at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City. Among those named as active in the organization of this conference were Robert Rosen, James Cagney, Eddie Cantor, Moss Hart, Lillian Hellman, Miriam Hopkins, Thomas Mann, Robinson, and Orson Welles.

(100-235432-15)

**E. Miscellaneous Political Activities**

The September 1, 1944, issue of "Labor Herald," official publication in California of the CIO, reported that Clark Foreman, secretary of the NLRB, had been in Los Angeles conferring with outstanding liberals and he would attend a meeting on the following Saturday at the home of Edward G. Robinson.

(100-197270-13, p. 13)

On October 18, 1944, the "Daily Worker" contained an article entitled "Edward G. Robinson says Dewey's Guns Aimed at Potomac not Berlin." The article purported to be written by Edward G. Robinson contained his photograph and was political in nature, attacking Republican Candidate Dewey. (40-10689-A)

The January 31, 1945 issue of the "Los Angeles Times" reflected that the Los Angeles Division of the NCPA had joined a mass movement to implore President Roosevelt to annul the deportation order of Harry Bridges and that a long message had been sent to the President signed by seventeen persons, and among those signers was Robinson's name. (65-32677-26, p. 9)

**V. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES**

**A. Veterans of Abraham Lincoln Brigade**

It was reported that the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade would hold its national convention in New York City on September 21 and 22.



1946. The New York "Journal American" in its issue of September 20, 1946, contained an article commenting on the greetings which had been received by the convention from numerous individuals including Harold L. Innes of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions; Frank Kingdom of the National Citizens Political Action Committee, Edward G. Robinson, Gene Kelly, Vito Marcantonio, and others. The article continued by referring to the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade as a "Red Fascist group which aided Russian commissars in the burning of Catholic churches during the civil war" and characterized the organization as "organized by agents of Moscow..... which worked closely with Russian commissars who ordered all religion stamped out in Spain." (100-7060-352, p. 7)

The September 20, 1946 issue of the "Daily Worker" listed the names of individuals who had sent greetings to the National Convention of the organization and among these Robinson was listed. (100-7060-352, p. 7)

The "Volunteer for Liberty" quoted Robinson's greeting as, "Today it is not enough just being a liberal. One must be militantly anti-Fascist and in doing so hail the valorous deeds of those who first saw the threat of Fascism in Spain and courageously fought against it, leaving us a heritage of their unselfish deeds." (100-7060-352, p. 7)

#### B. Free World Association

The "Los Angeles Times" in its issue of February 15, 1944, contained an advertisement of the Hollywood Free World Association which advertisement listed the names of eighty individuals, and Robinson was among those listed. (100-90431-115, p. 9)

In the February 10, 1944 issue of the "Daily Worker," there appeared an article regarding a meeting of the Hollywood Free World Association held on February 5, 1944, in the Beverly Hills Hotel at which meeting Vice-President Henry A. Wallace was the principal speaker. Both Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Robinson were reported in this article to have been present. (100-158794-A)

#### C. Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy

The "People's Daily World" in its issue of September 6, 1946, announced that a conference on China and the Far East would be held at San Francisco in October and that such a meeting would be sponsored jointly by the Committee to Win the Peace and the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern

Policy. The "San Francisco Chronicle" in its issue of September 6, 1946, reported the names of some of the individuals who were sponsoring this conference as follows: Harry Bridges, Bartley C. Crum, Joseph Warren, Representative Hugh De Lacy, Attorney General Robert W. Kenny of California, Thomas Mann, Vito Marcantonio, Edward G. Robinson, and Edgar Snow. (100-34457-75 p.1)

B. General

The "Daily Record" of January 18, 1939, referred to a meeting of the 3th Congress for Peace and Democracy which had been held January 6 to 8, 1939 at Washington, D. C. and also mentioned the Hollywood Committee of Fifty-Six, and that 36 film stars, actors, and producers had petitioned the President to place an embargo on all German made goods until Hitler ceased aggression against smaller nations and the peace of the world. Among those listed as signing the petition were Myrna Loy, Paul Huni, Robinson, the Warner Brothers, and James Cagney. (61-7559-150612)

In the September 6, 1943, issue of the "People's Daily World" appeared an article regarding the recent visit to Los Angeles of Red Army Lieutenant Colonel Itzik Jeffer and Professor Solomon Michaels as representatives of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee of the USSR. The article stated that these two visitors had spoken before 7,000 persons in the Shrine Auditorium and that Robinson was one of the other speakers at this meeting. (100-225072-A)

The "Daily Worker" in the issue of August 30, 1943, in connection with this same meeting reported that Robinson had been one of the speakers and had "brought down the house by speaking at length in English, Yiddish and Russian." Robinson was quoted in this article as stating, "The entire American people and the peoples of the Soviet Union have joined together in their hatred of Hitlerism. Let us resolve to remain together in love of humanity." (100-225072-A)

The "Washington Times-Herald" in the issue of May 31, 1944, in referring to investigations made by "Congressional investigators" stated: "For their part in making 'Mission to Moscow' and 'North Star,' two motion pictures lauding the Soviets, and other valuable cooperation, the following have been listed as worthy of the Order of Lenin or some similar testimonial of official gratitude: Samuel Goldwyn, Jack Warner, Edward G. Robinson, Walter Huston, Oscar Homolka, Victor Francen, Jay Leyda, Nemart Klyper, and Joris Ivens." (64-1005-B-2)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-337779)

DATE: June 2, 1952

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-16979)

SUBJECT: EDWARD GOULD ROBINSON, aka  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Re Los Angeles letter of May 16, 1952. There is enclosed herewith for the Los Angeles Division one copy of HCUA Hearings, Part 7 "Communist Infiltration of Hollywood Motion Picture Industry". Subject's testimony on April 30, 1952 begins on Page 21.15.

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August 23, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Attention: Mr. Tamm

There are attached for your information the following reports:

Report dated May 15, 1941, on Melvyn Douglas, with aliases, Melvin Douglas, Hymie E. Hasselburg, George Lamar Hesselberg, Mose Doufirinkel.

Memorandum dated May 19, 1941 re: Freda Kirchway.

*Matthew F. McGuire*

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The Assistant to the Attorney General

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Does not pertain to Edward Robinson

The Daily Worker, dated December 10, 1938, reported that on the previous evening a meeting had been held at the home of Edward G. Robinson, Hollywood, California, which was attended by approximately sixty members of the film colony. This meeting was called by Melvyn Douglas for the purpose of drawing the document referred to hereinafter as the "Declaration of Democratic Independence." Douglas informed the assemblage that the time had come for "the power of publicity of the film industry to join in a mighty protest against German oppression." The proposed document was considered by the group as the best method of launching an economic boycott of Germany.

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Douglas was one of the promoters of the so-called 'declaration of independence petition' to President Roosevelt and Congress, to sever economic relations with Germany, which project was born in the Beverly Hills home of Edward G. Robinson. Some of the signers were the same old crowd of movie celebrities who were so enamored of the 'Loyalist' Reds of Spain, a majority of whom were not Spaniards but were the riff-raff Bolsheviks of all nations who had flocked to Spain, led by the GPU agents of Moscow. Douglas publicly declared that he expected between twenty to thirty million signatures of theatre-goers. This adventure died as quickly as it was accouched.

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On the October 15, 1944, issue of the "Daily Worker" in a column conducted by David Platts, he praised Robinson for his reply to Matthew Hall's "Bad Baiting Attack" on Robinson in the American Photoengraver. Hall quoted Robinson's reply as follows: "These statements are deeply resented by me. They are false and unfounded. That is why you have used the Hitlerian tactics of attempting to frighten me by insinuations, veiled words and false accusations, cowardly phrased, in an attempt to avoid legal responsibility. You are trying to bludgeon and coerce me and millions of other American citizens like me. We form all enlightened, progressive, and liberal interests and activities. But Mr. Hall, it won't work. I shall continue in the future as I have in the past to contribute as much of my time and energy as possible to the American democratic way of life. I will continue to fight as I have in the past for the preservation of liberty, freedom, and justice for all, regardless of race, creed, or color under the American Constitution. I will continue to support all worthy groups and organizations having these purposes--including the American Federation of Labor, of which you are a Vice-President....."

(94-4-3424-A)

The March 27, 1947, issue of the "Washington Post" contained an article concerning the House Committee on Un-American Activities and referred to the testimony of Jack B. Tenney, Chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee of the California Legislature and stated that Tenney had named Robinson, John Garfield, and Charles Chaplin as giving aid to the Communists.

(61-7582-A)